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NEW Barnes & Noble Booksellers in the El Cerrito Plaza had its ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday, one day before the store opened.

El Cerrito welcomes Barnes & Noble to town

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Barnes & Noble opened Wednesday at El Cerrito Plaza, bringing some new bookworms and music hungry for a large store to town.

Residents in El Cerrito will

pick from among

books, plus a large stock

of CDs, videos and

at the plaza. There's also

with drinks made from

coffee and other be-

verages and desserts.

The store is filling a void for

residents who used to shop

at the plaza's Waldenbooks,

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NEWS BRIEFS

El Cerrito

Democratic Club will hear about media

The public is invited to attend the 8 p.m. June 25 meeting of the El Cerrito Democratic Club, following the 7:30 p.m. general business meeting, in the Northminster Presbyterian Church at 545 Ashbury Ave.

The guest speaker will be Anna Buffa from Media Alliance, who will give a presentation regarding the structure of the American news media and its impact on news coverage.

Details: 510-524-4659.

Berkeley

S.F. comedy crew to stage improv show

S.F. Improv will perform at the Café Eclectica in Berkeley at 8 p.m. June 15, providing an evening of improvised comedy and drama using suggestions from the audience.

Admission is free. Café Eclectica is at 1309 Solano Ave. For more details call 510-527-2344 or visit www.sfinprov.com.

Albany

Library offering poetry workshop

Albany Library's Second Wednesdays program offers a monthly poetry writing workshop, led by Alison Seevak, from 7 to 9 p.m. June 12, in the Edith Stone Room.

The free workshop is open to all ages. The library is at 1247 Marin Ave. Details: Julie Winkelstein, 510-526-3720, ext. 19.

El Cerrito

Home retrofitting workshop June 8

The Association of Bay Area Governments and the American Red Cross will sponsor a free home retrofitting workshop for West County residents from 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 8 at the El Cerrito Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave. behind the library.

Up to 160,000 families may be unable to stay in their homes due to structural damage following the next big earthquake in the Bay Area. Homes built before 1960 are especially at risk for damage from earthquakes. However, homes can be strengthened to help withstand seismic forces, and earthquake retrofitting is considered a good investment.

At the workshop, a panel of experts will discuss how to find a contractor, whether or not an engineer is needed, typical retrofitting costs and available financial resources.

No reservation required. For more information, call Pat Catel at 510-525-7268.

Berkeley

Join an 'Adventure in International Art'

Berkeley Public Library's new Central Community Meeting Room at 2090 Kittredge St. at Shattuck in downtown Berkeley becomes an artist's studio-without-walls at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 15 when renowned painter, poet and sculptor Chu Ko makes a special appearance.

The event will feature the 71-year-old artist speaking in Chinese about his work and philosophy and demonstrating his boundary-breaking approach to Chinese ink brush painting. Chu Ko's presentation will be bi-lingual, translated into English.

Chu Ko's career has been central in Taiwan's modern art movement for over half a century. He has exhibited his artwork internationally, and has been invited twice to Olympiad

art exhibitions. He was involved as a young man with the Modern Poetry Movement, became a palace scholar specializing in ancient bronzes and began experimenting in the visual arts in the late 1960s.

For more information, call 510-981-6100.

El Cerrito

CCCT will soon be getting into 'Grease'

"Grease," the musical word on Rydell High's spirited class of 1959, is next up at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre, in a production directed by Andrew Gabel with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., some Sundays at 2 p.m. from July 5 through Aug. 10. Tickets are \$10-\$17. The theater is at 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Details or reservations: 510-524-9132

Bay Area

Take steps to combat summer smog season

Monday marked the start of the "Spare the Air" season as the Bay Area Air Quality Management District officials remind people to reduce air pollution during the warmer summer months.

The district says high summer temperatures combined with high pressure systems and low winds often results in high levels of ground-level ozone. High levels of ozone are especially dangerous to the young, the elderly and anyone with respiratory problems.

Residents are asked to find a way to leave their cars at home whenever possible, avoid using gasoline-powered yard equipment, avoid using aerosol spray cans and use gas barbecues instead of charcoal.

District Executive Director William Norton said, "What most people don't realize is that small changes can have huge positive effects on the air we breathe."

The Bay Area's area quality has improved during the past 30 years but the district said the state's pollution health standards were violated in the Bay Area on 15 days last year.

"There is still a lot of work to be done to change people's behavior and lifestyle to improve air quality," Norton said.

Martinez

Contra Costa backs computer recycling

Contra Costa County supervisors voted Tuesday to support state legislation to address the burgeoning problem of discarded computers and electronic waste.

The board unanimously passed a resolution urging the county's lawmakers in Sacramento to support bills by state Sens. Byron Sher, D-Palo Alto, and Gloria Romero, D-Los Angeles, to ensure that computer and electronics makers shoulder responsibility for disposal costs.

Before the vote, Scott Ribble of Sacramento-based Citizens Against Waste told members that more than 100,000 cathode ray tubes (the picture tube in a television set or a computer monitor) become obsolete in Contra Costa County each year.

He said that because many people hold on to obsolete televisions and monitors, the county's closets, garages and guest rooms may harbor a stockpile of as many as 167,000 CRTs.

"On average, these devices cost around \$1 per pound to properly recycle," Ribble told the board members. "By making the producer of these devices financially responsible for the collection and recycling of CRTs, we are giving them a strong incentive to phase out and eventually eliminate the use of toxic materials in their devices."

ALBANY POLICE

May 28

AUTO THEFT — A resident on the 800 block of Stannage Avenue reported that during the night, thieves had broken into her gold '94 Honda and stole the stereo. There were no witnesses.

THEFT — A resident on the 800 block of Kains Avenue reported that thieves broke the window of his black '95 Ford Escort while it was parked on the street and stole items. There were no witnesses.

THEFT — A resident on the 1200 block of Dartmouth Street reported that thieves had stolen the license plates from his white '97 Pontiac Grand Am. There were no witnesses.

May 29

AUTO THEFT — A resident reported that her beige Honda Accord had been stolen during the night while parked in her driveway on the 1100 block of Ordway Street. No witnesses.

ARREST — During the morning, Albany officers stopped a gray '94

Mazda near the Buchanan Street interchange for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 27-year-old Richmond man, was found to have an outstanding warrant from Berkeley for DUI. He was arrested, cited and transported to the Berkeley jail.

May 30

AUTO BREAK-IN — During the evening, a resident on the 1000 block of Ordway Street reported that her blue '86 Honda Civic had been broken into during the night. There were no witnesses.

May 31

AUTO BREAK-IN — A resident on the 1000 block of Talbot Avenue reported that during the night, thieves had broken into his white '89 Toyota Camry, stolen items and departed unseen.

CAR FOUND — During the night Berkeley police reported locating a blue '86 Toyota SUV that had been reported stolen from Albany. They did not have anyone in custody and the owner was notified.

EL CERRITO POLICE

May 21

VEHICLE BREAK-IN — A vehicle parked on the 5700 block of El Dorado Avenue was broken into sometime between 4 p.m. and 6:15 a.m. the next day.

May 24

ASSAULT, THEFT — A woman walking along the BART path near Target was struck in the back several times and then knocked to the ground by two people at 8:40 a.m. The woman's purse was stolen.

BICYCLE THEFT — A bicycle was stolen from a garage on the 600 block of Liberty Street sometime between 8 p.m. on May 24 and 8 a.m. the next day.

CAR FOUND — A stolen 1991 Honda Accord was recovered by a police officer at Terrace Drive and Colusa Avenue at 6:40 a.m.

AUTO THEFT — A 1987 Toyota Camry was stolen from the 1200 block of Richmond Street sometime between 10 p.m. on May 24 and 8 a.m. the next day.

AUTO THEFT — A 1993 Saturn was stolen from the 800 block of Lexington Avenue.

ington Avenue.

May 25

BIKE THEFT — A bicycle was stolen from an unlocked vehicle on the 900 block of Contra Costa Drive between 6:20 and 6:40 a.m.

ATTEMPTED VEHICLE BREAK-IN — Someone attempted to pry open a passenger door lock on a vehicle parked on the 5700 block of Lassen Avenue between 4 p.m. and 11:45 p.m.

VEHICLE BREAK-IN — A vehicle on the 1700 block of Arlington Boulevard was ransacked sometime between 8 p.m. on May 25 and 8 a.m. the next day.

May 26

VEHICLE BREAK-IN — An attempt was made to remove a stereo from a vehicle on the 1200 block of Liberty Street sometime between 10 p.m. on May 26 and 3 p.m. the next day. The top of the vehicle was slashed open.

May 27

CAR FOUND — A stolen 1988

June 1

BUSINESS BREAK-IN — A business owner on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that during the night, thieves had broken into his business and stolen items.

HOME EGGED — A resident on the 700 block of Pierce Street reported that during the night, his home was egged.

June 3

DRUNKEN DRIVING — About 2:30 a.m. Albany officers responded to the USDA property on Buchanan Street on reports of a man who appeared intoxicated arguing with a woman. Officers observed the man leaving the parking lot in a gray '99 Toyota. The vehicle was stopped and the 54 year old El Sobrante man was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested for DUI, cited and released.

BUSINESS BREAK-IN — A Concord woman reported that her business on the 500 block of Cleveland had been burglarized overnight. There were no witnesses.

Honda Accord was recovered on the 7000 block of Cutting Boulevard.

May 28

AUTO THEFT — A 1995 Saturn was stolen from the 7800 block of Terrace Drive between 9 p.m. on May 28 and 8:30 a.m. the next day.

AUTO THEFT — A 1988 Toyota Corolla was stolen from the 900 block of Liberty Street between 12:30 p.m. on May 28 and 10:20 a.m. the next day.

ASSAULT — A man was hit on the head by one of two people who approached him while he was sitting on steps on the 700 block of Ashbury Avenue at 11:12 p.m. The other person displayed a handgun. After being hit, the man ran, leaving his jacket behind.

BURGLARY — Property was removed from a home on the 6900 block of Gladys Avenue sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. The kitchen window had also been smashed out.

ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN — Someone attempted to enter a home on the 1400 block of Everett Street by forcing open a window sometime between midnight and 10 a.m.

ARREST — About 6 p.m. officers contacted a subject on the 800 block of Stannage Avenue who was acting suspiciously around parked cars. Officers arrested a 27-year-old transient man because he had an outstanding Oakland warrant for petty theft and transported him to the Santa Rita jail.

VEHICLE EGGED — A resident on the 1100 block of Everett Street reported that his vehicle had been egged during the night and he did not see the vandals.

Summary

During the week of May 27, officers towed two vehicles, responded to false alarms, attended to two deceased animals, assisted a person locked out of their home and responded to three reports of barking dogs. In the domestic violence cases, officers responded to 15 calls, 11 of which resulted in arrests. Officers stopped 140 vehicles and issued 75 citations and warnings. Albany firefighters responded to two fire calls and medical emergencies.

May 29

VEHICLE BURGLARY — A \$500 worth of property was stolen from an unlocked vehicle on the 1000 block of Everett Street between 8 p.m. and 8:20 a.m.

FILCHED FILTERS — A person stole a PetCo sometime between 1 p.m. and 8:20 a.m.

VEHICLE THEFT — A 1991 pickup truck was stolen from the 1000 block of Seaview Drive at 8:30 a.m.

MOTORCYCLE STOLEN — A stolen motorcycle was recovered by a police officer on the 500 block of Avis Drive.

AUTO THEFT — A 1991 Toyota Camry was stolen from the 1000 block of Harper Avenue between 11 p.m. and 11 p.m.

May 31

CAR FOUND — A stolen 1991 Toyota Corolla was recovered by a police officer on the 7000 block of Terrace Drive at 6:45 p.m.

Call made for African-American, Latino blood donation

California Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante issued a plea this week for Latinos and African-Americans to donate blood for the sake of children.

The appeal came on the heels of recent statistics from the American Red Cross showing that members of these communities are less likely to be blood donors than those in other ethnic groups.

The data shows that even as the Hispanic and black communities continue to grow in California, less than one half of 1 percent of members of these

communities are donating blood.

Bustamante, who donated a pint of his own blood at the Clinica de la Raza on Oakland's Fruitvale Avenue today, says that increasing the number of minority blood donors is important to fight certain diseases, such as sickle-cell anemia.

According to the National Sickle Cell Disease Association, one in every 500 African-American infants and one in 1,000 Latino babies are born with the disease each year.

Children who suffer from this ailment require frequent blood

transfusions, and these transfusions are more effective when they come from a donor from the same ethnic background as the recipient, Bustamante said.

Bustamante also issued a general challenge to all Californians, urging them to make at least one

blood donation from Aug. 1, which has been designated as National Blood Donor Awareness Day, though a lot of people's blood after Sept. 11, the shortage is far from over, said. "Ever 17 seconds,

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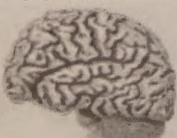
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Come see a one-of-a-kind concert in a one-of-a-kind locale

Three years ago I attended a concert called "Garden of Memory," presented by the Bay Area. It was so extraordinary and so much fun, I wrote about it in this column. Several readers asked, not only how come you didn't tell us about it before, but also how we could have gone, and I wrote another column promising that if they waited one of these concerts I'd give you plenty of advice.

Well, I'm keeping that promise. On June 21, they're going to hold another "Garden of Memory" concert. And this one is even better. First, let me tell you about the unusual venue. It's the Chapel of the Chimes, a columbarium at 4499 S. Alameda Avenue, right next to the View Cemetery. It's a building with niches for urns and the ashes of the dead. (I know, it's unusual, didn't I?)

Not for nothing has the City of Oakland designated the Chapel of the Chimes as a Distinguished Landmark.



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

who designed Hearst Castle at San Simeon, the Campanile at Mills College, and the women's gym at Cal.

In many ways, the Chapel of the Chimes was her masterpiece. It's a magical maze of gardens, cloisters, alcoves, stairwells, fountains and chapels, all rising into vaulted Gothic ceilings.

But Morgan's trademark was stained glass. And in the Chapel of the Chimes, she put it everywhere — not just in the windows, but the ceilings, too. They positively shimmer, suffusing each room with an incandescent ballet of constantly changing colors.

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Now, let me tell you about the concert. Or, rather, concerts. Because there will be 25 different performances going on at once, each in a different room.

In one room, professional whistler Jason Serinus will be whistling Schubert lieder, Mozart arias, and "Woodstock's Song" by Puccini. (It's an in-joke: Serinus was the voice of Woodstock in the "Peanuts" specials.) In the next room, flutist Maggi Payne, a professor of music at Mills College, will be making gamelan-type music using — no kidding — bamboo fishing poles.

In the next room, Dan Plonsey of El Cerrito will conduct an orchestra playing toy instruments — the kind your 2-year-old would play. (And he plans to invite audience participation, so bring your kids.)

In the next room, guitarist Randy Porter will play duets by himself, accompanying himself on a trumpet with one valve attached to 40 feet of plastic tubing that's attached in turn to a bunch of sea kelp, which will flop around in time with the music. (Could I make this stuff up?)

Then there's Brenda Hutchinson, playing "The Star Spangled Banner" on her "Long Tube," a 9-1/2-foot aluminum cylinder. And Phil Gelb playing the shakuhachi, a Japanese bamboo flute. And Miguel Frasconi playing instruments made completely out of glass.

Plus Katrina Weede and her "Living Wind Chimes," huge instruments that the audience can play, including kids. And the women's vocal ensemble "Ya Elah," singing and chanting Jewish spiritual music.

And, of course, Daniel Lentz, who once composed a Mass for wine glasses, in which the players gradually get drunk as they drink wine from the glasses, changing the pitch as the glasses empty.

Does all this sound somewhat less than seriously? It is. But these are very serious musicians, a generation of performers who are spearheading what is looking more and more like a new Golden Age in classical music.

As any physicist, poet or

baseball player will tell you, sometimes your best work is done when you aren't trying to be "serious." Sometimes you do your most creative stuff when you're just having fun. So think of this as serious musicians at play. In earlier times, they'd have been called avant-garde. But they're wary of that label because it sounds so elitist and boring — which is precisely what they are not.

Not every performance will be to your taste, but so what? Just move on to the next performance in the next room. You'll find most of them delightful, and the overall effect — coupled with that gorgeous Julia Morgan architecture — is overwhelming.

It's like eating all of your favorite desserts at the same time. By the end of the evening, you're feeling loopy from sensory overload.

Not that I'm complaining. Far from it. It's just a whole lot of pleasure to take in at one time.

Two people should be singled out: pianist Sarah Cahill, who is not only performing but also curating the event, and Randy

Rivera, the superintendent of the Chapel of the Chimes. "He could so easily have said no to this project, worrying about letting hundreds of people traipse through those beautiful gardens," says Cahill. "But instead, he has been amazingly helpful, getting his staff to stay overtime and help load equipment and directing traffic and doing all kinds of things beyond the call of duty."

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El Cerrito will seek builder for Plaza BART parking garage

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The city is on the verge of a 400-space garage for the El Cerrito Plaza BART station, 14 years after a county measure was passed in 1988 to build the project.

Last Monday meeting, the Council unanimously agreed to hire a developer to build the garage. Measure C tax would be used by the city to pay for the land and garage after project is complete.

The garage should please commuters and more, said community development director Jill Hanin.

Commuters are pleased to get a place to park, and the neighbors will be a way to get cars away from the neighborhood and put them in a more convenient place. The garage was one of numerous projects throughout the

county promised to voters by the Contra Costa Transit Authority (CCTA) after Measure C was passed in 1988.

Monday's council decision comes after years of discussion over what to do with the \$6.7 million earmarked for the project — whether and where to place it at BART's Plaza or Del Norte station, or whether to scrap the garage and use the money to create a shuttle service.

In 2000, the CCTA told city officials it would give them two years — until Dec. 22 — to make a decision, or give the money to another city.

"We were trying to find the perfect project — it really just came down to 'just build the garage,'" said City Manager Scott Hanin.

"I think we need to move forward with all speed," said Councilwoman Gina Brusatori.

The garage would be located about a block south of the BART

station, on what is now a dirt mound on the southeast part of El Cerrito Plaza. Riders would pay \$3 to \$5 to park there, with the city and BART to determine later how to split the money between them.

The CCTA wants the garage to accommodate the growing number of people driving to and using BART. The plaza station has 624 parking spaces on its three parking lots that are filled up by 9 a.m. every weekday.

Daily ridership at the plaza BART station is expected to increase about 21 percent to 5,000 people by 2010, with 2,600 people driving their cars alone.

Council members weren't totally satisfied with the project,

wanting to see other projects built jointly with the garage. Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Perka said she wanted a shuttle system — an idea the council brought up two years ago — instead of a garage, to get people from their homes to the station.

The council also favors building retail and a hotel with the garage because they would generate sales and occupancy tax, respectively, for the city. Having more residential uses at the garage also would discourage people from driving to the station.

In the end, the council agreed to sign a deal with a developer who would build and own the garage. The city would then buy

the property from the developer with the bond money after the project is complete.

The agreement is advantageous to the city because it will use no city staff time, labor or cash, and would get the garage completed faster — in about six to nine months after a developer is found, according to Keimach. And there is still a possibility to have a hotel, retail or other uses built there in the future.

"The only concern we've had

is this going to be a drain on city funds," said Keimach. "That's why this alternative of having a private developer build it and we basically purchase it whole, that's why that's so attractive. Then we don't have to worry about cost overruns and all these other things."

An agreement between the city and a developer will be brought before the council for approval in December.

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— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Crime of silent witness

SOMEONE IS ALWAYS WATCHING, usually more than one person. They see the fights between couples, neighbors and kids who were best friends yesterday. They see the neighbor who just had a big-screen TV delivered, the eviction notice taped to the door, the new people moving in down the street.

Usually these watchers are also talkers ... with opinions: "Did you see so-and-so? She got her hair and nails done but can't feed her kids anything but generic Cheerios." "Did you see the new people next door? I don't think they're going to fit in here." "Did you hear the blah-blahs fighting last night? I thought I was going to have to call the police."

But the watchers wouldn't do that. Because when something of true significance happens — when someone is hurt, when a crime is committed — they see nothing. Just when you need their nosy eyes and their loud mouths, they become the see-no-evil, hear-no-evil, speak-no-evil monkeys. They may feel active and knowledgeable about their communities, but they are a disservice in multiple ways.

If they were true assets to their communities, they would not let crimes go unreported and unpunished. That's what's happening far too often, however.

Berkeley's homicide rate spiked earlier this year when three men were shot dead in two incidents in the rough-and-tumble south side of town near the Oakland border: Raymond Smith, Rammar Johnson and Noel Turner Jr., all in their mid-to-late 20s, died in a residential neighborhood for motives unknown. All remain unsolved, as police could glean few leads from residents in the area.

And blind eyes are everywhere. In Martinez recently, a motorcyclist was hit in front of a gas station, and the driver kept going. The victim was hospitalized and unconscious most of the time and couldn't tell what he saw.

The case of the disappearing Mario Albo was another example. In 2000, after a fatal shooting in Pittsburg, Albo vanished, and no one knew where he was. No clue. ... Yeah, right. He was charged anyway, and eventually he turned up in Florida living — and allegedly committing crimes — under an alias.

In Richmond right after Christmas 2000, Johnnie Jones was shot and killed on a south-side street, but no one came forward, despite pleas for someone to tell what he or she saw.

There were witnesses, people on the street as it happened, people who quickly shut their blinds and got down, but still peeked out to watch the action.

Reluctant witnesses are an obstacle with which police and prosecutors have to deal frequently, particularly in homicides or when drug dealers are involved. They're scared. They live in the area, fear repercussions, and would simply rather not get involved.

But this code of silence meant to protect the I-saw-nothing witness instead protects the criminal, allows the continuation of his or her intimidation and illegal activities and contributes to the deterioration of an area. And that's all that will be left, an area of town. When witnesses are silent they no longer live in a neighborhood, they are held hostage by it.

We would like to see more communities in which the people are not just watching each other but watching out for each other. We encourage witnesses to speak up to officials and help the justice system work and protect them.

One of the ways that law-abiding people can help make things better is to institute a Neighborhood Watch program, which can be done by calling the police and asking them for information.

People who obey the law must take back their communities and help drive out the criminal element who would rob us of our freedoms and hold us hostage in our own homes.

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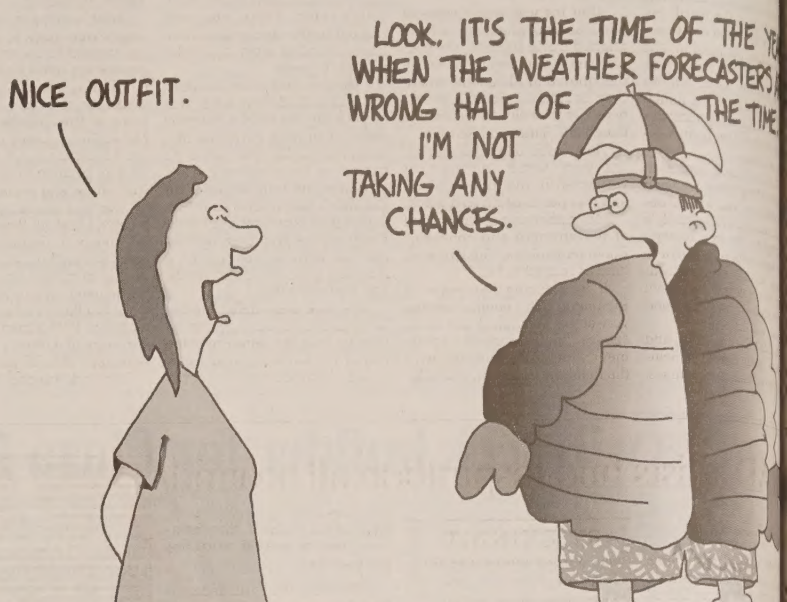
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ONE DAY IT'S NICE,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Some planning!

The failure of the new El Cerrito Plaza design can be traced to city planners' vision that there should be something other than a bunch of stores surrounded by parking lot.

So we have assorted stores and restaurants haphazardly arranged and separated by roads and parking lots. Instead of people being able to drive, park and shop, it's drive, park, buy, drive home.

Instead of people space, maybe some walkways among stores where people could stroll and shop, some open space to invite lingering at an outdoor cafe or just sitting, all we have is this car-and-commerce space.

Now about the vision that Fairmount Avenue can become another Solano Avenue ... that's as artificial as the old time look of the new plaza. The right elements just aren't there. Too much of the street is already devoted to uses inconsistent with the idea, including residence, non-retail commerce, auto repair shops and gas stations. And why in the world should there even be such a commercial street with the plaza right there?

My impression, from observing the doings of the city planners for a number of years, is that they think they advance the finest, up-to-date concepts of their profession, but they have no real sense of what works.

Starbucks and other restaurants in the plaza provide outdoor tables. Unfortunately, the patrons can only sit and watch the traffic and breathe the fumes. And Fairmount would provide additional facilities for this pleasure.

That's planning for you. The new plaza fails to be an attraction, and my bet is that Fairmount will too.

Howard Kraus
El Cerrito

Inconsiderate

I say great, great, great that the police officers outnumbered protesters on the Golden Gate Bridge on May 25. The organizers said they were very disappointed with the turnout.

Why can't marchers understand that walking en masse to block freeways and bridges deprive other people of their rights, such as getting to work, catching a flight at the airport or reaching important appointments.

I feel the majority of us are tired of these (sometimes silly) protests and want common sense over nonsense.

Lee Pernich
El Cerrito

U.S. is not neutral

With the United States as mediator, the suppression of the Palestinian people cannot end because the United States is not a neutral party and does not support a free and independent Palestine.

The United States is Israel's financial sponsor (\$3.5 billion a year), and Israel serves as a permanent U.S. surrogate for military dominance of the oil dictatorships of the area.

Three decades ago the Vietnamese communists refused to negotiate with a succession of South Vietnamese governments because they knew the United States was behind those governments and that they needed to expose that reality in order to gain a settlement. Once former Sec. of State Henry Kissinger was nego-

tiating in Paris, the Vietnamese knew they would get the U.S. troops and bombers out of Vietnam.

In Palestine, the situation is different but the same. Different because Israel is not a U.S. puppet. It is a U.S. surrogate. Israel must be at any peace table as an independent nation, but the way to peace is still with the United States and Israel at the same side of the table out in public, not with the United States pretending to be a peace mediator.

Mediation isn't even the correct terms for this negotiation process. The destruction of Palestine, as a people and culture, will continue until there is a neutral arbitrator to guarantee a just, two-state political settlement.

So far, the United Nations seems unwilling to tell the United States to move to one side of the table and cut the nonsense, but the Palestinian Authority misunderstands this dilemma when they welcome phony U.S. initiatives in order to placate superpower imperialism.

When Arafat does not insist upon his right to see the European Union president (now blocked by Israel) instead of U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni or Sec. of State Colin Powell, he makes a fatal political error and the Israeli war crimes continue.

Marc Sapir
Berkeley

A question of love

Recently, I saw a U.S. flag displayed on the back of a parked van. Underneath the flag was "FEAR THIS."

Although I have only seen this image once, I believe that what it is saying may be the prevailing notion in America today. I can only assume that the folks who advocate this attitude believe that trying to instill fear in others will somehow cause the others to not want to mess with them or do them any harm.

To a limited extent, this is true; I make it a point to avoid interaction with scoundrels and brutes. Shall America be the scoundrel, expressing its obsessive love of power and causing others and our own residents to fear it? Or shall we, instead, make a 180 degree turn and act from what "little" faith we have in the power of love?

Can we muster the daring to choose loving and, thus, become more and more lovable? Can we conquer ourselves and win the hearts of those who now hate, distrust and fear us?

Ron Greenstein
El Cerrito

Why not both?

FBI Director Robert Mueller recently acknowledged that serious changes are needed to make the FBI responsive to our country's needs — in the post-Sept. 11

world.

While I welcomed these remarks, I have serious reservations about the changes Mueller identified.

My primary concern is his suggestion that we seem to have to choose between an FBI whose main responsibility is fighting federal crime and an FBI whose purpose is to fight terrorism.

My question is, "Why can't the best and most powerful nation in the world have both?"

As frightening as terrorism is, I really want the FBI to spend less time in fighting organized crime and drug-related problems? With the corrupt dealings of Enron fresh in our minds, I really want the FBI to slow their investigation of white-collar crimes?

With the high level of child abuse, abductions, do we really want the pulling resources out of these cases? We want the FBI to reduce efforts to bank robberies?

Fighting terrorism requires a tightly knit pro-active organization, world-class technology and intelligence skills. However, the FBI is a multi-agency; one that can marshal all resources to investigate and solve crimes.

Perhaps we need a new federal agency to lead our fight on terrorism. To lead our fight on terrorism, the FBI, for example, have their position and Scotland Yard to fight crime, agency for intelligence work and their James Bonds.

We Americans should insist to continue its efforts at its current level and we should also support the idea of whatever new terrorist-fighting agency is needed to prevent, as humanly possible, any future acts of our way of life.

We should not have to choose between them. We should have both.

A scary situation

Your May 10 issue carried a story about attacks on the path beneath the Del Norte BART tracks.

Richard Walker was one of the receiving a severe beating from a group of 10- to 15-year-olds, resulting in abrasions, stitches and something lasting — a fear of walking alone on the path again.

The story goes on to say BART police who are responsible for the parking garage and station, were unaware of the roaming mob and Walker's beating until he stumbled over to the station (which is located at the Del Norte station).

This is really the scariest part of the story — that BART police were not until informed by the victim. What BART police do in that situation, they venture outside? Do they look out the windows?

If the police don't do their job in training safety, should mobs of children charge? I doubt anyone (except the police) would be happy with this situation.

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Artist Robin Hipolito's life has taken on a shape that suits her perfectly

I met Robin Hipolito in her studio in the basement of the Seaton complex where she lives. It was amazing to see how comfortable she is in her space and how she has had on hand to show me some of her work. She was starting in their similarity and message.

She works in clay, and most of her small pieces illustrate her life. She has a deep interest in social and political issues. Although she had always had a deep interest in art, Robin Hipolito's actual immersion in the arts came rather late in life. Immersion is the word, because once she could allow herself to indulge her passion, she went into it deeply. Robin was born in Newport, Wash., but her family moved to a Congregational minister's family to many different communities from Colorado to Oregon.

When she was a senior in high school her parents, who had three daughters and a son, decided it would be to the family's advantage to live in a college town. Robin went to a teachers training school, then taught for one year. The school had four grades in one room, and her sister was the principal.

She didn't like teaching, and when the family moved to Seattle she started taking art courses.



CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

But World War II happened and Robin became a mechanic at Boeing Aircraft, rigging engine controls on B-17 and B-29 planes until the end of the war.

After the war, Robin came to San Francisco, where she met and married David Hipolito. The couple lived in Berkeley for one year, then moved to Richmond, where they bought a "nice old brown house" in the Point. They had two daughters, Sarah and Rebecca.

Here, Robin tells me about her ancestor, Sarah, accused of witchcraft in that other Salem, and was put to death as a witch.

"My father was always proud of her strength and courage," Robin remembers, "Somehow he kind of related to her."

It was during her years in Richmond that Hipolito became very active in political and social causes "in the radical department," including working with the Rainbow Coalition, and help-

ing to organize a community action center, which she remembers fondly. It housed a toxics coalition, a peace committee and some 15 other action groups that came and went.

One was a group representing homeless veterans, and Robin says it was heartbreaking to see people having such bad things happen in their lives, and not being able to find a place to live.

At the age of 40, Hipolito went back to school to fulfill science requirements, then to UC Medical Center where she was trained to do cancer detection. She worked as a cytotechnologist for 20 years.

"We identified abnormal cells, Pap cells and cells from other parts of the body. We felt we did good work, identifying early and pre-cancerous cells that could be treated and never become cancer."

It was the only department that didn't have a supervisor. "We supervised ourselves very well. Every day we would get together and see if there was anything that had to be done differently, and we would do it."

She took great delight in the fact that she helped to get the cytotechnologists into the union that the rest of the lab was already part of, together with labs from seven

other hospitals.

"They were getting raises every year and we weren't, until we joined the union."

Husband David died in 1986, and she remained in her Point Richmond home for nine years, before moving to her present retirement home in Berkeley.

Daughter Rebecca is now a nurse, taking care of very disabled children, and daughter Sarah is a social worker who started the department of Child Abuse Prevention.

After retiring in 1983, Robin finally went back to the art she had wanted for so long. She took classes at Contra Costa College, continuing there for 15 years while she also took special sessions at the College of Marin, Mills College, Laney College and the Mendocino Art Center, as well as participating in special workshops and seminars.

She was encouraged by her mentor, Elizabeth Watson, a Pratt Institute N. Y. Graduate, to study ceramics, and continued to work in clay from then on. Robin has participated in Pro Arts annual Open Studios for 8 years, and exhibited in 1997 as part of the Celebration of Older Life in the Berkeley Public Library Window. Her work was shown in 60 feet



STRAWBERRY CREEK Lodge resident and sculptor Robin Hipolito of Berkeley will exhibit her work soon at the San Pablo City Hall Art Gallery.

of space in the Berkeley Windows in 1998, and in the Nexus Gallery in 2001. Finally doing the things she had always wanted to do, Hipolito says, "I feel I am getting better as I go along. I really enjoy it. I have spent years doing this art, and I never get tired of it."

In her basement studio, Robin Hipolito turns to me with a satisfied expression, and says, "I love this art. I love working in

clay. I am doing what I have always wanted to do." And what could be better than that?

I thank Sylvia Falcon for writing to me about Robin Hipolito. As always, I invite your input about interesting people, events, etc. Write me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is crggenser@aol.com.

NIAD artists find inspiration all around

By Paula King
STAFF WRITER

RICHMOND — The students of Richmond's National Institute of Art and Disabilities are like all other artists. They are searching for inspiration everywhere.

On regular field trips to local museums, art galleries, artist's studios or even the neighborhood market, they take in the sights and sounds of the environment that surrounds them. The artists work in the Florence Ludins-Katz Gallery reflect their springtime observations of blooming flowers, fluttering butterflies, flying hummingbirds and crawling creatures.

Through the varied media of painting, drawing, print-making, ceramics and textiles, the NIAD artists explore nature with pastels and vibrant images. The exhibit is appropriately titled "Spring Ahead" and runs through July 12.

The works are so bright and like to call them things to a spring in your step," says center Rose Kelly.

Rosie Pardo's "Still Life with Springs" is the show's centerpiece. Using a large palette of colors, the San Pablo resident created a vase full of the sun's bountiful flowers in watercolor.

Recently, she was intensely focused on a self portrait set in the desert amid cactus and boulders, using the canvas to bring the painting to life. Pardo eagerly takes on the challenge of exploring different mediums.

All of the 50 developmentally disabled artists are gaining a sense of self-esteem from seeing their original artwork on display and sold and a feeling of independence from their earnings. When one of their works is sold, they receive half the profits, with the remainder being used to support the program.

Their original artwork isn't influenced by the traditions or trends of the outside art world. In these walls, self-taught art comes from the limitless imaginations of some especially talented individuals.

As Alice Wong explains the detailed process of making ceramics, she proudly shows off some shiny pieces that have just been glazed. A slice of key lime that resembles a bed and a chocolate brownies piled high on a chocolate plate are newly created pieces to be unveiled at an upcoming food exhibit.

"Ceramics are calming," says a Richmond resident. A love of the outdoors motivated Wong to create her signature paintings of tropical birds.

Each month, she debuted an original piece called "In Flight" at the exhibit's opening. Wong has received national attention for her work, with some recently showcased at Baltimore's American Visionary Art Museum, a place designated for promising novices in the field.

According to Kelly, her job of

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designing themes for the gallery is simplified by ever-changing themes that often dominate the adjoining studio's atmosphere. For instance, El Sobrante resident Ellen Smedley created a brilliant multimedia print full of floating sunglasses and eyeballs, during a class project named "A Study of Eyeglasses."

The students generally create in small groups under the guidance of the same professional teacher for three months in a row and then rotate classes and disciplines.

"All artists get stuck in one form once in awhile. Some are really resistant to change, but most people are open to new experiences," Kelly says.

From elementary schools to community colleges, Kelly has been exposed to many different

types of art students. She maintains that the ones at NIAD are her favorite.

"I find that this is the most interesting place to teach. There's none of that intellectualizing that goes on in other classrooms," Kelly says. "They are free from self-doubt, limitations and inhibitions. Here, those boundaries don't exist."

In this supportive environment, students sitting at the same table help others to overcome an artistic block.

Wong isn't the only one from NIAD to receive national fame; former artist Sam Gant is being shown at SoHo's American Primitive Gallery in a retrospective called "Painting From a World of Silence." The hearing-impaired Gant was an exceptional artist who died more than a year ago of congenital heart failure.

His artwork was full of airplanes and one piece in the exhibit represents his time at the studio and serves as a special tribute. The Anthology of NIAD Poetry and Art honors the legacy of his talents in the form of a poem called "Dancing with Sam."

"When I see Sam's artwork I think of flight; I think of soaring, of a different dimension; To me, his spirit will always be soaring."



ARTWORK LEFT TO RIGHT by David Martin, Alice Wong and Shirley How is on exhibit at the National Institute of Art and Disabilities in Richmond. NIAD artists will have their work on exhibit at the Florence Ludins-Katz Gallery at the institute. The exhibit is titled "Spring Ahead."

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Some summer learning ideas you can count on

LAST WEEK'S COLUMN offered ideas for enhancing reading and writing skills over the summer. Today the focus is on math.

If you want to help your child with math during the summer, keep in mind that the subject includes more than adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. Many other types of math lend themselves well to being taught at home. For example, children need to understand time — how to tell time as well as have a sense of how long a second or minute is, and answer questions like, "What time will it be in an hour and 15 minutes?" or "If a party starts at 11 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m., how long does it last?" To develop a sense of time, estimate how long an activity will take, then time it to see how close the estimate was.

A lot of math can happen in a real or play store — counting money, making change, and guessing then measuring the weight of produce. Do you have enough money to buy this item? Both of these items? Product labels can generate a wide variety of activities. Depending on the child's ability level, you can do something as simple as see which product contains the most fat or fiber. Or questions can be as complex as comparing the nutritional value of two products when one uses a serving size of ½-cup and another ¾-cup.

Toys can be measured and weighed. Guess the length or weight before measuring. Collections such as toy cars or toy animals can be sorted by one person, with the other person guessing why they were sorted that way (such as by color, big vs. small, soft or hard, etc.).

State math standards also call for students to understand probability, which can be practiced



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using commercial games (such as Yahtzee, card games, or games with spinners) or made up games or activities: Flip a coin 50 times and see how many times you get heads and how many times you get tails. What total do you get most often if you roll two dice?

And, hey, there are all those questions like, "If you have 10 red socks and 10 white socks in a drawer and you reach in without looking, what are the chances you will get a matching pair? What are the odds of getting a white pair?" Why not try those with real socks?

The kitchen is a great place to learn fractions, by measuring ingredients for a recipe (such as a half a cup of flour) or cutting up pizzas, pies or tortillas.

You can do a lot with a bag of multi-colored candy, such as M&Ms — estimating how many candies are in the bag, sorting them by color, putting them in order from the color you have the least of to the color you have the most of, and making a graph that shows how many you have of each color. Graphs open a whole line of questioning, such as "What color do you have the second most of?" and "How many more blue do you have than red?"

Next week: More ideas for summer learning

Betty King Buginas is a teacher in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

ALBANY PTA NEWS

Albany PTA Council

June 17, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., AMS Library

Albany High School

June 7, Senior Luncheon & Awards
June 10, Site Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Prin. Conf. Room
June 10, Band Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m., Band Room
June 14, Graduation, 5 p.m. Gym
June 15, East Bay Improve in a benefit performance to help save theater at AHS, 7:30-9:30 p.m., AHS Little Theater, \$5/students, \$10/adults, raffle!
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AUSD Board of Education

June 11, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

SCHOOL BRIEFS

ECHS holding Grad Nite preview

EL CERRITO — The community is invited to El Cerrito High School's Grad Nite '02 Preview on from 4 to 7 p.m. June 13 in the school gymnasium.

Everyone (except graduating seniors) is invited to come and take a look at what parents have been working on since October.

The annual Grad Nite involves elaborate decorations that transform the gymnasium into a fantasy space where seniors can have an all-night celebration of their graduation in a fun, yet safe and sober locale.

Flexible work is topic of workshop

BERKELEY — Neighborhood Parents Networks presents "Part-Time Parenting? A Career Networks Forum on Flexible Work

Arrangements" from 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 19 at Thousand Oaks Elementary, 840 Colusa Ave.

Cost is \$5 for members, and \$10 for non-members.

Adults only; RSVP required. Details: Amy Knowlden, 510-526-4044 or knowlden@earthlink.net

Themed reading game hits Albany

The Albany Library is hosting "Reading Rainforest," its themed reading game this summer. Game boards will be available beginning June 17 at the library, and participants can win prizes.

The library will also provide other reading activities throughout the summer for children of all ages.

"Read Me A Story" allows teen-agers to read to children 2 to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays from June 17 through August 15.

A Saturday pre-school story-time for children ages 3 to 5 will run 11 a.m. Saturdays through June 29.

For more information, call the Children's Desk at 510-526-3720.

Visit to festival part of course on the Bard

A Shakespeare course that incorporates academics with a visit to Orinda's California Shakespeare Festival will be offered at Vista Community College in Berkeley this summer.

The three-unit course will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and goes from June 17 to July 26. Tuition is \$11 per unit.

Students can fill out an admissions application in person or online at <http://peralta.cc.ca.us> then enroll either by touch-tone phone or the Internet. Vista College is located at

2075 Allston Way, Berkeley

For more information, call Shirley Fogarino at 510-841-1000

'Mr. Gauch' honored in El Cerrito

EL CERRITO — Over 25 years, the steady and tireless presence of Student Supervisor James Morehouse has been a respect of students and staff at El Cerrito High School, officials say.

Today has been proclaimed "Mr. Morehouse Day" at school, and a luncheon honoring Morehouse will be held in the school cafeteria.

The El Cerrito Leadership Class is hosting the event.

He's known as "Mr. Gauch" for shepherding generations of students through the high school experience.

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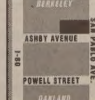
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Fire season off to an early start this year

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Better prepared to fight fires, area fire departments entered into a mutual aid agreement, in Berkeley, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara counties and the East Bay Regional Parks.

The agreement is a pact to respond to a specific geographic area, regardless of jurisdiction, in the event of a reported fire.

Because of eminent fire dangers, residents of Alameda and Contra Costa counties are being asked to establish a 30-foot safety zone around their homes and structures by doing the following:

- Clear flammable vegetation around structures. Hillsides should be cleared between 100-200 feet, because flames travel faster and hotter up slope.
- Remove vines from the walls of your home.
- Move shrubs and other landscaping away from the sides of the house.
- Prune branches and shrubs within 10 feet of chimneys and stovepipes.
- Trim tree branches so that leaves or needles are at least 8 feet from the ground.
- Thin a 10 foot space between tree crowns.
- Replace highly flammable vegetation such as pine, eucalyptus, juniper and fir trees with lower growing, less flammable species.
- Replace vegetation that has branches from the ground-level up (these act as ladder fuels for the approaching fire).
- Clear the area of leaves, brush, pinecones, dead limbs and fallen trees.
- Cut your grass regularly, and always remember to mow before noon. Dry grass has the highest amount of moisture in the morning.
- Should you see smoke or a fire, please report it immediately by calling 911. Be prepared to provide information on the fire's location.

People's dedication to learning honored with college scholarship

WIDE REPORT
PASADENA — A new scholarship fund is being established by Contra Costa College in honor of former Assemblyman John T. and his wife, Jean. It will recognize the Point and couple's dedication to learning. Jean Knox is a Contra Costa College instructor.

The fund provides financial assistance for the scholarship, educational and training programs of Contra Costa College, a community college in San Pablo whose mission is to meet the educational needs of the residents and businesses in its service area of West Contra Costa County.

El Cerrito. The tournament's shotgun start will be at 1 p.m. Seating is limited for the 7 p.m. dinner. Those wishing to attend the dinner only may call to day for reservations at \$100.

Seating is limited. All proceeds benefit the Contra Costa College Foundation.

The foundation provides financial assistance for the scholarship, educational and training programs of Contra Costa College, a community college in San Pablo whose mission is to meet the educational needs of the residents and businesses in its service area of West Contra Costa County.

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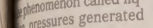
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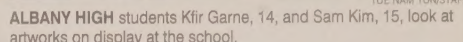
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—Ashley Jensen, AHS junior

"Hopefully they'll find the joy of painting like I do," said Hill, who has been an art teacher at the school for 29 years. "It's also fun to do something bigger than they've ever had to do in school. It's big and bold and they have to confront it."

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Planned El Cerrito 85th Anniversary Ball postponed

El Cerrito's 85th Anniversary Ball, originally scheduled for June 14, has been postponed due to a lack of major sponsors.

Announcement of the cancellation came in a letter from the event's co-sponsors to ticket buyers thanking them for their generous early support and returning the money they had paid for tickets.

Their letter pointed out that at least two-thirds of the money raised by the Anniversary Ball would have gone to the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

"To meet this goal and at the same time have a high-quality entertaining evening," the co-sponsors wrote, "we needed some very special angels to sponsor the event as members of the founders and anniversary Committees."

"While the early individual sales have gone well, it seems the tragic events of Sept. 11, as well as the continuing slow economy, have made it difficult to line up the large sponsors needed to produce the event and meet the goal. We have therefore reluctantly decided to wait and host the event at another time in the future."

The co-chairs concluded their letter to the early ticket buyers by pointing out the reason for having the Anniversary Ball still exists and urged them to continue to support the Chamber in other ways.

FIVE NEW MEMBERS: May has been a busy month at the Chamber as five firms — three of them new businesses at El Cerrito Plaza — joined the organization.

Latest companies to join were the Plaza's Macaroni Grill, PureBeauty and Pasta Pomodoro. Joining with them were CMG Mortgage and the Valley Yellow Pages.

Romano's Macaroni Grill at 8000 El Cerrito Plaza has been an instant hit with area diners according to Chris MacDevitt, general manager of the recently opened restaurant.

"We have easily met our pre-opening business expectations," MacDevitt declares. "People seem to love us. They've told us over and over again that El Cerrito has needed a place like ours for a long time."

Specializing in northern Italian cuisine served in a rustic atmosphere, Macaroni Grill features a bar area with a 50-person capacity and a dining room that can seat 263.

Famous for pork chops, pasta and pizzas cooked in a wood-burning oven, Macaroni Grill's menu is highlighted by 13 signature dishes made from Romano family recipes. MacDevitt and his staff offer local diners a number of special services, including call-ahead seating, curbside-to-go service, and facilities for banquets for up to 50 people when reserved in advance by telephoning 510-524-9336.

Macaroni Grill is open seven days a week: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The response to PureBeauty, which opened recently at 4010 El Cerrito Plaza, has been "awesome" according to store manager Kathy Cumacho.

"Everyone is happy to have us here," she says. "They keep telling us they've been waiting a long time for a high-end one-stop beauty house here."

SEWALL GLINTERNICK El Cerrito Chamber Notes

PureBeauty features a wide variety of hair, skin, bath and body products from lines such as Alterna, Phyto, Paul Mitchell, KMS, Sebastian, Decleor, Dermologica, Murad and Yonka and a wide selection of soaps, candles, lotions and bath salts.

The full-service salon offers cuts, styling, color, highlights and more. Facials, paraffin hand treatments and waxing are available in the store's private skin-care rooms.

All PureBeauty's products and services are under the supervision of Cumacho, a licensed cosmetologist who has managed beauty supply stores for the past four years. Open seven days a week, the store's hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday. For information call 510-524-1714.

Manager Bob Moses said the new Pasta Pomodoro, now open at 5040 El Cerrito Plaza, combines contemporary Italian cuisine with a comfortable, casual environment that offers diners a new popularly priced restaurant option.

Pasta Pomodoro features a contemporary interior with clean lines and lots of natural light. The dining room accommodates 85 people. The counter, ideal for solo diners, seats eight and is adjacent to the exhibition kitchen. There is room for 30 more diners on the outdoor patio.

To-go service features an order station just inside the front door.

Founder and executive chef Adriano Paganini has developed a simple, fresh and affordable menu that offers diners a wide choice of Italian starters, entrees and desserts.

Pasta Pomodoro's international wine list included 11 selections by the glass, along with premium beers. The restaurant is open daily for lunch and dinner Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Diners are seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

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CMG Mortgage Inc.'s newly-opened office at 10104 San Pablo specializes in mortgage banking and brokerage of residential loans for the purchase or refinancing of family homes.

Liz Forbes, senior loan officer at the company's El Cerrito office, can be reached at 510-559-3770. CMG Mortgage's local office is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday by appointment.

Among the latest firms to join the Chamber is the Valley Yellow Pages. Serving as the company's representative in the chamber will be Valerie Akcam.

Akcam has been with the Valley Yellow Pages for five years and has helped to develop the company's East Bay directories. She serves as district sales manager for the West Contra Costa area.

The Yellow Pages was started by three Pacific Bell executives when the government deregulated the Yellow Page industry in 1985, she says.

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TWO MORE RE-JOIN: Foley and Bonny and the El Cerrito Plaza are the latest members to extend their membership in the organization for another year.

El Cerrito reschedules council meeting

EL CERRITO — The City Council meetings for Monday, July 2, Monday, Aug. 5 and Tuesday, Sept. 3 have been cancelled.

The council will meet for its regular meetings on the third Mondays of July, August and September — July 15, August 19 and Sept. 16.

Council meetings at the Council Chamber, the city's community center, Mooser Lane.

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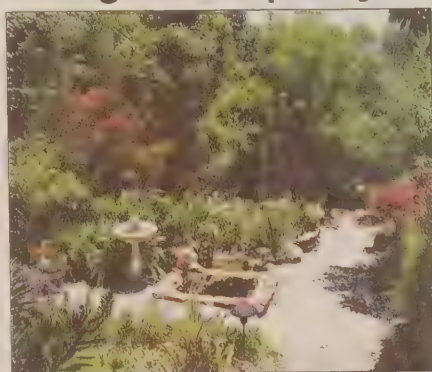
Custom home graces Claremont Pines

REAL ESTATE
The Claremont Pines community welcomes you to a custom-built home at 5898 Claremont Pines in Oakland. The home was built in the 1920s and features a formal dining room, a marble fireplace, and a formal living room. The home is perfect for entertaining. Separation of space offers maximum privacy. The upstairs master bedroom has a walk-in closet and a private bathroom. The home was designed as a

"Great Room" with French doors opening to the outdoors. It features high cove ceilings, built-in bookcases, hardwood floors, and a marble fireplace. Easy access to the formal dining room makes the house perfect for entertaining. Separation of space offers maximum privacy. The upstairs master

See CUSTOM, Page B6

All dressed up for a garden party



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There is a home in the wonderful Oakland's Oakmore-Fruitvale neighborhood that invites you to a unique and magical experience. The current owners, Joe and Kathleen, have created a wonderland of stunning gar-

dens — complete with unique slate and brick paths leading you to your choice of intimate garden nooks or patios. The space is perfect for entertaining friends or, at the end of a long day, to come

See GARDEN, Page B6

Mediterranean-style house offers spectacular four-bridge views



THIS SPECTACULAR MEDITERRANEAN VILLA WAS BUILT WITH ENTERTAINING IN MIND. Bay and city views from virtually every room on the living level of this home at 1480 Grand View Drive in Oakland. You will never desire more space again in this 5,637 square foot property. Found in this expansive square footage is a well-appointed home theater, formal living and dining rooms, a library, a gourmet kitchen, oversized family room with built-in entertainment niche, fabulous private courtyards and terraces. The home is perfect for intimate evenings as well as grand-style entertaining. A private office, a luxurious master bedroom suite, and a game room complement the home. Offered at \$2,599,000, the home will be open this weekend. For more information, call Coldwell Banker's David Eckert at 510-339-4720

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3945 LACRESTA, GLENVIEW.....\$549,000
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5420 EL CAMILE, MAXWELL PARK.....\$525,000
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But these buyers were voicing only a small portion of what was going on. They were so afraid of believing in their choice, they couldn't make one.

Just to give you an idea of what a middle-of-the-road worrier/shopper goes through, I'll give you a made-up example. These are the probable thoughts of someone going through (fairly smoothly) the purchase of a house: Ah, a house, a big purchase. But it's time for me to buy a house. No more moving.

This is a pretty house and big enough for me. I can set up my office in the back room, invite friends for dinner, build a trellis over the deck.

My commute would be bearable. I won't have to do any painting right away. There's plenty of storage. Yes, I want this house. But wait. How's the roof? It's going to cost me a lot to live here. Will I have money to pay the property taxes when they're due? What if the furnace dies?

My life might change. I could take a job on the East Coast or remarry or have three kids. What if the neighbors are mean or the hill slides or I'm lonely here? It'll be all right. I can have fires in my fireplace, warm and glowy. There's room for my friend to stay with me. I can increase my tax deductions. That will be nice. Maybe next year I'll have the floors refinished. Put up new drapes - dark, rich velvet drapes.

Wait. Do I really want to take this on? Once it's mine, it'll be my baby. When things go wrong, I'll have to figure out how to fix them.

House buying isn't exactly snappy either. I can't say, "Sure this one, wrap it up." No, it takes so much time and weighing of things I've never thought of be-



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fore. What price shall I offer? Will the seller agree? Can I get the washer and dryer too?

This is hard. I need to think and plan. It would be good if I could feel confident about this all the way through. The loan people want bank statements and pay stubs. I need to explain why my Visa payment was late. The inspector says the chimney is cracked, the water pressure low, the sump pump broken. Should I worry? Can these be fixed? I like long, strong showers. I know nothing about pumps. This part isn't fun.

I can borrow against my retirement plan but forms must be filled out today. I'll need a cashier's check. I can go on my lunch hour. The seller needs an extra week. I can reschedule my move but I need to talk to my landlord. When?

Here are all my books from college. More boxes, lots more boxes. Call PG&E. When is garbage day? I should buy a ladder. Now that I've come this far, I feel good. My soon-to-be house is not perfection, but I like it.

Buying has felt like going through a compressed graduate course. But all in all, this feels like the right thing. In fact, I'm feeling quite jolly.

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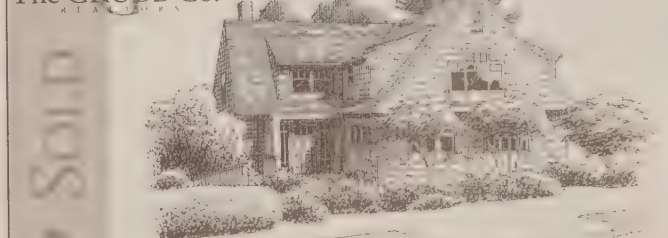
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Of the essential elements of an Adjustable Rate Mortgage (ARM), many believe that the most critical is the index on which it is based. The more stable and slower moving the index, the less risk that the borrower will experience a roller coaster ride of changing interest rates.

There are others who argue that it is the "margin" (the lender's profit) that drives the better ARM. The lower the margin, the less risk that the borrower's fully indexed rate will "cap out" (reach the lifetime capped rate).

So, structuring the ARM to meet the borrower's needs and level of risk becomes a science laced with art. The "Option ARM", a perennial favorite that offers flexibility and cash flow benefits to the borrower, is experiencing a few new twists to its matrix.

We call them Option ARMs because they offer the borrower the following payment options:

1) The minimum payment which is based on the start rate and "fixed" for one year. The payment is increased by 7.50 percent annually. The minimum payment is a less than interest only payment where the unpaid interest is deferred and added to the principle, often referred to as "Negative Amortization."

2) An interest only payment based on the index plus the margin (the lender's profit).

3) A fully amortized payment at the fully indexed rate. The loan is amortized over 30 years (or 40 years under some lender programs).

4) A 15 year amortized payment at the fully indexed rate.

When it comes to the Option ARM, the index that we Californians are most familiar is the 11th District Cost of Funds Index. Also known as the COFI, it is traditionally a more stable and slow-moving index based on the average interest rates that savings institutions in the 11th District (California, Arizona and Nevada) pay for their passbook savings deposits. The index in April 2002 stood at 2.744.

The COFI was the loan of choice for lenders such as Great Western Bank, Home Savings and Loan, American Savings and Loan and other lending institutions that were eventually gobbled up by massive Washington Mutual who now focuses on a loan product based on the MTA (Monthly Treasury Average).

They, along with World Savings, and Downey SAVINGS still offer COFI loan products, but the start or minimum payment rate is well above the 2.75 percent start rates of past years and the margins range from 2.75 percent to 3.30 percent.

Many lenders have replaced the COFI with the Monthly Treasury Average (MTA), that is the twelve-month average of monthly yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities, adjusted to constant maturity of one year. The index is calculated by adding together the monthly yields on one-year Treasury con-

stant maturities, as published in Federal Reserve Board Statistical release G-13 for the preceding 12 months available as of the date 15 days before the rate is set and dividing the result by 12. (Also known as a twelve month weighted average.)

World Savings is promoting the CODI or Cost of Deposits Index. This index is also a 12 month weighted average but of the interest rates paid on the three-month treasury securities deposits. It offers lower margins and has outperformed fixed rate mortgages regularly with margins ranging between 2.50 and 2.65 percent.

The April 2002 index was set at 2.828 making the fully indexed and qualifying rates at about 5.428 percent for jumbo loans to \$750,000. Super jumbo loans to \$1,150,000 have margins are slightly higher ranging between 2.70 and 2.90 percent.

Recently another national wholesale lender has introduced

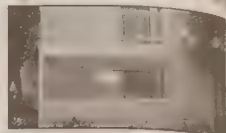
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Will you have an entertainment center? If so, you'll want to be sure there are an adequate number of outlets to accommodate your system, and that they are strategically placed for easy access. If you

plan to use the room for reading, you'll want to be sure there is ample lighting to allow for this.

Of course esthetics are important and can be a more creative part of the process, but taking the time to really improve the function of the room can mean the difference between having a nice, new remodel - and having a room that your family will love to spend time in for many years to come.

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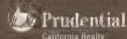
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With a complete assessment of the current condition of the home, you can make an informed decision about whether to purchase the property in its present condition. You may want to renegotiate the terms of your contract with the seller if defects are incurable, or you want to withdraw from the purchase.

A purchase contract should always be handled. For example, the seller may have had a home inspection completed before the property. If so, the contract might specify which party or seller will pay for the inspection.

Some contingencies are unilateral rights to have the property inspected. If the buyers disapprove the inspection, the contract may be terminated at the buyer's option.

HOUSE HUNTING TIP: Even if your contract allows you to withdraw due to inspections, carefully consider before electing this option. You will already have spent considerable time, effort and money finding and inspecting the property. If the defects are correctable, it's usually worthwhile to try negotiating an agreement with the sellers rather than starting the process over again.

Some inspection contingencies provide for buyers to give the sellers the opportunity to correct defects, rather than just walk away from the deal. In this case, the terms of the contract often become subject to further negotiation.

Before asking a seller for inspection-related concessions, make a list of the significant defects that you discovered during your inspections. Then find out how much it will cost to repair these defects. When you make your request, put it in writing and include a copy of your cost accounting list along with the reports and estimates on which you're basing your request.

You may find that the seller is not willing to negotiate over items that were disclosed to you before you made an offer to purchase the property. It still may be worthwhile to point out that the cost of the previously disclosed items in addition to the newly discovered defects alter the amount you can reasonably pay for the property.

Sellers are wise to consider any reasonable proposal from a well-qualified buyer. If the inspection-related defects are significant, they



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are likely to be a concern to other buyers. Depending on the law in your state regarding seller disclosures, you may have to provide copies of the buyer's reports to future buyers who are interested in the property.

There are several ways in which sellers can participate in buyers' repair requests. They can have the work done by closing, if time permits. Often contractors will accept payment at closing.

Or they can credit money to buyers as long as the credit is called a credit for buyers' non-recurring closing costs. Lenders usually limit the amount of such a credit to 3 percent of the purchase price or equal to the actual amount of the non-recurring closing costs, whichever is less.

THE CLOSING: Some lenders will allow money from the seller to be held in an escrow or trust account so that work can be completed after closing.

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Dunning

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house on a tiny lot in a good, but not great location, maybe you should think again. This is especially true if you are purchasing "As Is" and buying problems that will cost you even more after close of escrow.

Final thoughts

What conclusions can be drawn from carefully scrutinizing the price people are paying per square foot? One could be that those buying high-end homes actually get greater value for their dollar.

Conversely, some of those in the "affordable" \$450,000 to \$600,000 range may be paying more than a prudent buyer would if he understood value based on price per square foot.

The problem is an abundance of buyers for the relatively few properties in this price range. Consequently, bidding wars push prices to stratospheric levels.

In the end, how much to ask for your home if you are selling, or the amount to offer if you are buying, is your business. Nonetheless, with so much

money at stake, doesn't it make sense to use the price per square foot variable to help you make the right decision?

For my previous, related articles, *How to Buy Value*, and *Pricing in a Rapidly Rising Market*, visit my Web site at www.eastbay-realtor.com, or call me.

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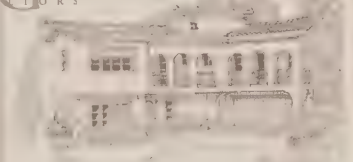
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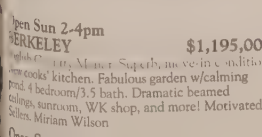
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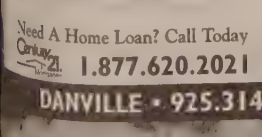
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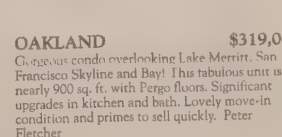
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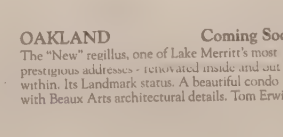
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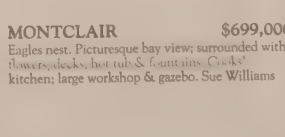
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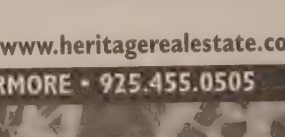
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Garden

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home to your own private retreat to relax and rejuvenate your spirit.

These grounds, however, were not always "garden party ready." The current owners first saw the property six years ago and fell in love with the house immediately. About all they could say of the back yard, however, was that it had lots of "potential." There were some mature trees, including a Meyer lemon and two apple trees, but the rest.

When they looked out over the deck railing they saw a large deep down-slope yard, obviously neglected for many years, overgrown with crumbling brick steps. They felt daunted at the amount of effort and resources they would need to tame the yard. Yet they knew it was the home for them, so they took the plunge.

Today, when you look out over the deck railings, you will see a transformation resulting from a labor of love. Grown sons pitched in

with this family endeavor. Their oldest son, an artist experienced with masonry, built the path and patios himself, sparing no effort in creating many unique details.

Throughout the grounds you will find wonderful specimens from the finest East Bay nurseries. As you dine on the private redwood deck, take in the views of the terraced back gardens, planted with fruiting trees, flowers, vines and an organic vegetable garden, and even a small fish pond.

Enjoy watching the hummingbirds and butterflies flitting from flower to flower and robins frisking in the bird baths. An outdoor lighting system makes the garden enjoyable in the evenings and provides a romantic view from the deck at night.

On these grounds you will be delighted to find that the owners have bestowed the same care and attention to restoring, maintaining, and improving the house as they have given the gardens.

This English style home was built in 1931 with many period details. The living room showcases a

stunning arched front window and stone-faced fireplace while the formal dining room includes mahogany and glass corner built-ins and a Venetian crystal chandelier. Freshly refinished hardwood floors extend throughout the main living level, including the updated kitchen, where the owners also designed a gorgeous stained and beveled glass window over the sink. The French doors leading from the breakfast nook to the deck bring the outside ambience into the kitchen.

The master bedroom peeks down at the garden and has a wonderfully private view of the lovely old maple that shades the deck. In addition, the home offers two bedrooms and an updated bath.

Downstairs, with a separate entry, you will find a finished rumpus

room, a large and light laundry room, a quarter bath, and lots of storage. Although Joe and Kathleen are sad to leave this special place, Joe is retiring and they are leaving the Bay Area.

The Oakmore/Fruitvale Highlands neighborhood, which lies just south of Piedmont, is friendly and perfect for walking, as well as close to the Glenview, Dimond, and Montclair shopping districts. A half block away you can catch AC transit direct to BART, and the house is five minutes away from both the 580 and 13 freeways. So close to everything, yet a retreat from the world! This home is being offered for sale at \$535,000 and will be open this Sunday from 2 to 4:30 p.m. For further details, please call Linda McClain at The Grubb Co., 339-0400.

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suite has its own peaceful balcony, extensive wardrobe closets, a luxurious soaking tub and access to the fourth bedroom which could serve nicely as a home office or nursery. The home's first and second bedrooms are located on the main floor with a shared bath, perfect for children or guests.

The sunny east-facing kitchen has granite counters, two ovens, a sweeping hillside view, a large sized garage allows for storage, a wine cellar and direct access into the house. The original stone walls are reminiscent of the homes that were built in the Oakland hills. For more information on this home, priced at \$1,100,000, contact Lois Johnson at Grubb Estate, 510-339-8899.

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ATTENTION PUBLIC

Parks Speaker at Inform

The public is always welcome at the Inform Meeting. The Inform is sponsored by the Alameda Association of Realtors. The next meeting begins at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 11. The location is the Garden Isle Community Center on Melrose Avenue in Alameda. This month's speaker is from the Parks Department. Agents are encouraged to bring information on new listings for presentation to the group. For more information contact Remy Boyd of AAR at 510-523-7229.

Home-Lovers Lecture Series

From architecture to windows, the Alameda Museum provides lectures for everyone who loves homes. The slide lectures are narrated by prominent Bay Area authors and historians. The museum is located on Alameda Avenue near Park Street in Alameda. Thursday, June 27 is the date of the next lecture in the series. Watch this column for more details or call 510-748-0796 for information.

Handy Classes

The Building Education Center in Berkeley provides ongoing classes, lectures and events for the experienced and those new to remodeling and renovation. There are evening classes on weekdays and daytime classes on the weekends. Saturday, June 8 brings "Kitchen Design", a seminar conducted by designer Beverly Wilson. For more information on classes and costs call the center. Contact Sydney at 510-525-7610 or visit the Web site at bldgeduct.org.

First-Time Buyer Information

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OLB FOUNDATION JUNE RAFFLE

The Oakland Association of Realtors' fundraising task force raises moneys for the Oral Lee Brown Foundation. The foundation helps Realtor Oral Lee Brown keep her promise to Oakland school children, to put them through college. The task force is having a raffle in June. Make a donation \$25 to the OLB Foundation and earn an entry into a drawing for a Palm Pilot. Realtor and task force Chairperson, Lois Harris of Prudential California Realty encourages everyone to participate in this worthy endeavor. Contact Harris at 510-834-2010.

BUYER'S REP EDUCATION

"Innovative Marketing Techniques for Buyer's Reps" is scheduled for Friday, June 14. Learn the marketing techniques of the experts, how to generate leads and attract new prospects. This seminar offers six hours of Consumer Protection Credit. Watch this column for more details.

The Accredited Buyer Representative (ABR) Basic Designation Course is coming to OAR. Earn this designation in a two-day seminar scheduled on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 25 and 26. Tuition includes the first year dues for membership in REBAC. More details to come.

Tuition and attendance information for all OAR educational programs should be addressed to Mary Williams at the OAR office by calling 510-836-3000.

ARPB NETWORK BREAKFAST

The Associated Real Property Brokers (ARPB) holds a networking breakfast on the third Wednesday of every month. This month's breakfast is from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., June 19. The Oak Tree Grille on Embarcadero in Oakland is the location. Real estate agents are encouraged to bring flyers and market their properties. The meeting is open forum. For more information call Tyrone Cossey of Fidelity National Title at 510-893-8100.

WCR LUNCHEON

"Does Your Thinking Limit Your Success?" is the topic of speaker Jean O'Neil of Productive Learning & Leisure. O'Neil will answer that question at the WCR Luncheon. The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter monthly meeting begins with networking at 11:30, on Friday, June 21. The location is the Ark at Pier 29 on 29th Avenue in Oakland (at the foot of the park Street Bridge). For reservations call WCR President, George Johnson of Ameristar Financial at 925-314-8314.

1031 AT BAR

Attend the Berkeley Association of Realtors monthly, networking luncheon. The next luncheon begins at 12:15 p.m., Wednesday, June 12. Lloyd Kendall, Jr. will speak on 1031 exchanges. The Luncheon is held at the BAR Auditorium. Reservations are a must. Contact Don Clark, at the BAR office for reservations at 510-848-4288.

COMMERCIAL BROKERS

Bob Valva of Valva Realty invites Oakland real estate brokers to attend the Oakland Realtors Commercial & Industrial Brokers Committee. According to Valva the group was appointed years ago, by



BOBBIE REID
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the Oakland mayor to facilitate city sales and leasing. The committee's purpose is to help build Oakland. The next meeting is Thursday, June 13, at the OAR Auditorium on Webster. If you would like to attend call Valva at 510-451-7317.

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New state regulations now make it faster and easier to get a broker license. Attendees will learn changes and revisions, math shortcuts and test tips. Receive live class test preparation with instructor Minnie Lush. For more information call Executive Programs at 1-800-416-1996.

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An elective course is being offered by the Real Estate Buyer's Agency Council of the National Association of Realtors. The course called "e-Buyer" is designed to help take the next step after mastering computer and Internet basics. REBAC is the awarding body for the ABR (Accredited Buyer's Representative) and ABRM (Accredited Buyer's Representative Manager) designations. To learn more about this six-hour course and ABRM designations call 800-648-6224 or visit the Web site at www.rebac.net.

MORTGAGE PROFESSIONALS

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BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
AP WEEKLY FEATURES

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The addition of a few inexpensive and simple-to-install storage organizers will not only improve the storage capacity of your kitchen cabinets, but will

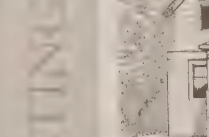
make your kitchen a more pleasant place in which to work, as well.

Lazy Susans, pullout shelves, spice racks, cutlery trays, trash can pullouts and under-sink pull-out caddies are just a few of the accessories that can be found at your local hardware store or home-improvement center, and installed in an afternoon.

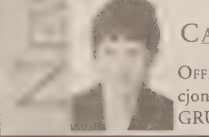
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Spacious 4 bdrm, 2 bath traditional 2-story home in excellent condition. Formal dining room, large eat-in kitchen, 2-car garage, level backyard, 1 block to Solano Ave. shops. \$635,000.
June Allen x23



Jane Allen x23
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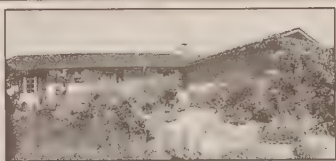
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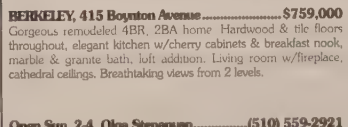
ALBANY, 1076 Masonic Ave.....\$389,000
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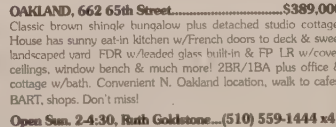
BERKELEY, 1488 Keoncrest Drive.....\$449,000
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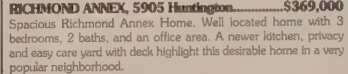
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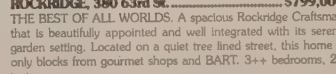
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Just in time for annual deck upkeep: composite planks are a home

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For all the homeowners for whom yearly deck upkeep is a fate worse than taking out the trash, note that composite deck materials are here, and here to stay, according to a deck pro at Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse.

"Once composite material is installed, you can literally forget about it," says John Karlesky, lumber marketing manager for Lowe's. "It won't rot, peel, warp, expand or contract, is splinter-free and it's virtually impervious to water and sun. This is for people who want to enjoy their home

without the hassle of deck repair. The average decks lasts 10 to 15 years. A deck with composites lasts indefinitely."

Composite deck materials initially weren't a viable option to wood. It took manufacturers nearly 10 years to achieve the right combination of wood chips and plastics to make composites worth recommending. Vinyl and plastic planks are a fraction of the market because installation requires different techniques and equipment.

So why don't more consumers opt for composites? Karlesky says people simply don't know of the materials. Installation contractors haven't warmed to non-wood

materials, fearing installation problems, but Karlesky says composites handle and install the same as the real thing. "It looks like wood, cuts like wood, installs like wood," he says, "and it doesn't take any more time to install than any other deck." And it's easier to buy. Because planks are literally the same from piece to piece without knotholes or twisted boards, buyers don't need to sift through stacks of lumber searching for quality wood.

And, James Carey and Morris Carey, licensed contractors and recognized experts on home-building and renovation, point out that such engineered decking is

friendly to the environment as it recycles existing wood as opposed to requiring new timber to be cut and milled.

There is a cost factor, however. Composite planks are two to three times the cost of real wood. Yet the overall cost of a deck is not two to three times greater. Composites are available only as planks and railings. Structural elements such as support posts and joists are less-costly treated wood or cedar. Karlesky estimates "The payback period is four to five years, and it still looks great. You won't replace planks. It's a better long-term value."

Composite wood is low main-

tenance, not maintenance-free. It should be cleaned regularly and can be stained or painted, but you'll need to reapply stains and paints over time." Karlesky advises use of 2-1/4 inch stainless-steel trim head screws during installation. Non-stainless screws might rust and bleed into the deck.

The material has other outdoor uses. Walkways, planters, and benches are ideal for spot use of composites. Even docks and hot tubs are candidates for non-wood because submerged uses don't void the limited lifetime warranty.

"Customers tell us it's a losing battle to replace boards," says Karlesky. "You put composites

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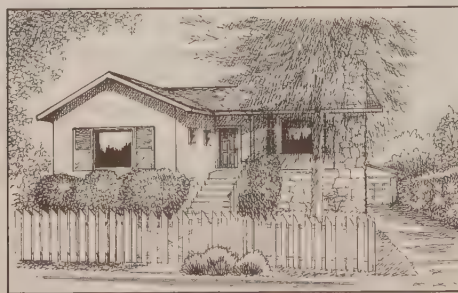
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The market is hot. So why won't your home sell?

Five key reasons some homes just don't sell

By ROBERT J. BRUSS
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There's only one word to describe the current home sales market in most cities — HOT! Of course, there are a few local exceptions, usually due to regional economic problems. But the nationwide home sales market is so strong, the National Association of Realtors predicts

analysis (CMA) for the seller.

The CMA shows (1) recent sales prices of similar nearby homes, (2) asking prices of comparable neighborhood homes (the competition), and (3) asking prices of recently expired competitive listings that didn't sell.

Only after receiving this CMA information from at least three agents is the seller, with the help of the interviewed agents, in a position to set a reasonable asking price (and select the best agent). Before listing a house or condo

taste. Surprisingly, there are many buyers looking for fixer-upper homes for sale at bargain prices.

3 — The home has incurable defects. "There's a buyer for every home, but at the buyer's price" is an old but very true real estate motto. Some residences have incurable defects that cannot be corrected, and these defects must be considered when setting the asking price.

For example, a few days ago at a local coffee shop, I met an old friend who finally bought his first home — a small condo. He told me what a bargain he got. But then I asked, "Where is it located?" He gave me the address. Even though it's right next to a

busy freeway, he's very happy. His purchase price obviously took into consideration the condo's incurable noisy location defect.

Too often, sellers don't consider the incurable drawbacks of their residences because they have become immune to them. But buyers instantly spot such drawbacks, called "functional obsolescence" by appraisers. Examples include a very bad floor plan, location in a high-crime area, and unattractive amenities, such as a tiny yard or small rooms.

4 — The listing agent is an obstacle to the sale. As in any profession, there are top-quality people and "others." To be polite, some agents are "out of touch"

and are more of a hurdle to home sales than a help.

Every community has these few "difficult" agents, whom other agents, representing home buyers, dread encountering. However, many of these difficult agents are old-timers who obtain listings because they know so many sellers in the community.

Surprisingly, sellers usually have no clue they listed their home with one of these unpleasant agents. For this reason, smart sellers list only for 90 days. If the home hasn't sold by then, usually either (a) it is overpriced or (b) the listing agent is an obstacle.

A closely related problem occurs when a seller lists with an



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out-of-area agent, often a relative or close friend.

This agent usually has no clue about the local home sale marketplace and has few or no contacts among local agents.

Networking is extremely important among successful agents, but out-of-area listing agents don't even know which successful local agents might have buyers for their listings.

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If a home doesn't sell within 90 days, unless local economic conditions are bad or the home has another serious drawback, such as a railroad track in the backyard, the residence is probably overpriced.

Home sales in 2002 will equal or exceed 2001, which was a record year. Current low mortgage interest rates are obviously a major factor in this optimistic forecast.

Today is a great time to be a residential sales agent or a home buyer. Yet, perhaps you've noticed some homes in your neighborhood aren't selling. Here are the key reasons why, even in the current hot market:

1 — The home is overpriced. This is the primary reason some homes don't sell. Buyers are not stupid. After spending a week or two in the local home sales marketplace, they usually can spot an overpriced (or underpriced) home. If a home is overpriced, buyers often won't make an offer. And their buyer's agents usually won't even show them such homes.

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Market values of homes depend on recent sales (not asking prices) of nearby, comparable homes. For this reason, sellers need to keep up-to-date on actual sales prices of neighborhood homes like theirs.

At the time of listing a home for sale, smart sellers interview at least three agents who sell homes in the area. Each agent should prepare a comparative market

for sale, sellers should compare CMAs submitted by the agents interviewed to see if those agents used the same "comps" to arrive at their suggested asking prices.

2 — The condition of the residence. Smart sellers get their residences into tip-top "red-ribbon" condition before exposing them to the market. That doesn't mean making extravagant improvements. Most residences usually just need a fresh coat of paint inside and outside, serious cleaning and repairing, new carpeting, and perhaps minor fix-up, such as new light fixtures and landscaping "refreshment."

If the home is hopelessly outdated, take that into consideration when setting the asking price. But let the buyer remodel to his or her

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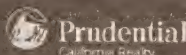
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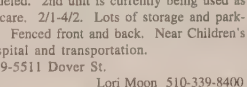
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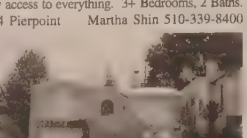
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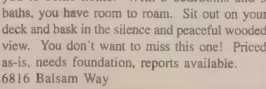
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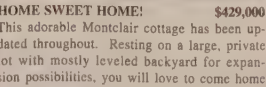


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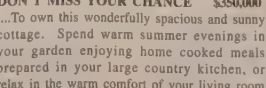
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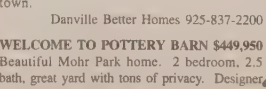
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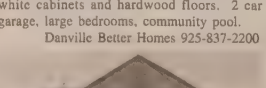


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5 — Poor marketing techniques. The home sale marketplace has changed radically in the last three years. Depending on whose statistics you believe, between 40 percent and 70 percent of buyers begin their quest on the Internet.

Any listing agent who doesn't put all their listings (a) into the local Multiple Listing Service (MLS) and (b) on the Internet is missing a huge source of buyers.

Amazingly, some listing agents

think all they need to do is get a seller's listing, put it into the local MLS, and wait for another agent or buyer to learn about it. Fortunately, most MLS listings are now available on the Internet at www.realtor.com. But that's not enough.

Successful listing agents know more marketing efforts are required to sell most homes. The best agents use aggressive additional marketing plans, such as their own Web site, local mailings, relocation marketing to attract out-of-town buyers, open houses and newspaper advertising.

Expensive homes deserve additional promotion such as Inter-

net virtual tours, color brochures and realty magazine ads.

Conclusion

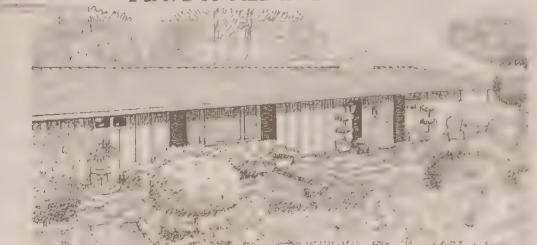
In most communities, today's home sales market is excellent. If your home is listed for sale with a real estate agent and it doesn't sell within 90 days, something is seriously wrong.

Maybe it is overpriced. Perhaps it has incurable defects, which should be reflected in the asking price.

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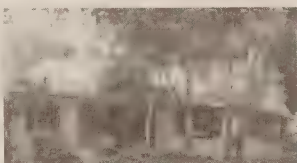
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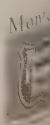
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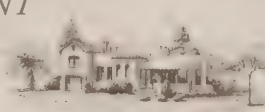
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\$1,850,000



843 OXFORD STREET

Romantic, beautifully updated Mediterranean with a warm European country style in a terrific location. 4+BR/2BA. Ronald Egberman

\$850,000

1182 MILLER AVENUE

Early Edward Levitch design. Rich contemporary. Spacious & exciting 3+BR/2.5BA in a private setting with captivating San Francisco view! Ruth Frassetto

\$825,000

30 PARNASSUS ROAD

Exquisite eyrie w/breathtaking Bay view! Dramatic open design w/French doors to decks looking west. Great privacy! 3BR/2BA. Annie Walrand

\$649,000



1520 CEDAR STREET

Striking architect remodeled kitchen! Family room, Master suite, Formal dining room w/built-ins. Living room w/fireplace. 3+BR/2BA. Lush gardens. Chris Cohn

\$619,000

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON & EL CERRITO - BY APPOINTMENT

BERKELEY COMPOUND

Extensively renovated. Built in 1899. Includes 3+BR/3.5BA main house, two 1BR apts. Meditation studio + extra lot. Extraordinary property! Susie Schevill

\$2,495,000



BERKELEY RATCLIFF

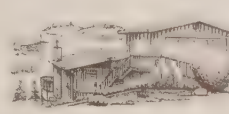
Fabulous Ratcliff Tudor in prime Claremont location! 4+BR/3.5BA, study, art studio, wine cellar. Beautiful! Faye Keogh

\$2,200,000

VIEW, VIEW, VIEW

Claremont Hills. Brand new w/4bridge view, privacy, elegant & stylish spaces for today's lifestyle. Large terraces, fabulous master suite. Debra J. Dryden

\$2,195,000



STYLE & LIGHT

This dramatic 4BR/2BA contemporary has it all: views, space, light, huge master suite w/sauna & big whirlpool tub-for-two. Close to shops & freeways. Nacio Brown

\$775,000

CONTEMPORARY

Stunning Kensington contemporary near Tilden Park! Beautiful updated kitchen and baths plus spacious family room. Linda Wolan

\$695,000

NORTH BERKELEY

Best of North Berkeley. This Prairie style home is conveniently located close to Gourmet Ghetto. 3BR/1.5BA + in-law potential. Linda Wolan

\$649,000

NORTH BERKELEY HILLS

There are 3BR + studio/guest quarters. The landscaped lot offers privacy & a secluded inner courtyard. A rare retreat with a striking design. Bebe McRae

\$635,000



NORTH BERKELEY

Next to Temple Beth El & close to Berkeley Rose Garden & Chez Panise! 2+ BR/1.5BA, move in condition! Must See! Bebe McRae

\$595,000

HOME AT LAST!

EL CERRITO. Lovely El Cerrito home with updated kitchen & bath, sweet living room w/fireplace, formal dining room, oversized lot w/play area. Carolyn Jones

\$329,000

OAKLAND - OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 P.M.

728 MINER ROAD

ORINDA. A unique Orinda estate with guest cottage. Handcrafted by artists with exotic woods, tiles and slate. A masterpiece. Mavis Delacroix

\$1,945,000



144 AGNES STREET

Dramatic newer custom home on level lot w/Bay view. High quality construction & finishes. 4BR/3.5BA, family room & den. Susanne Paul

\$1,150,000

4840 PROCTOR AVENUE

Fabulous Upper Rockridge Mediterranean w/wonderful outdoor spaces. Gorgeous San Francisco views, 4BR/3BA, family room & lovely gardens. Debbi DiMaggio

\$949,000

5845 AMY DRIVE

Beautiful kitchen/family room, level out to gardens & patio. Large formal dining room, hardwood floors, 5BR/3BA. Kurt Buchholz

\$949,000



5911 MONZAL AVENUE

Nearly new traditional home with gorgeous formal living room, dining room and fabulous kitchen/family room opening to the garden. 5BR/3.5BA. Anian Pettit Tunney

\$839,000

869 TRESTLE GLEN ROAD

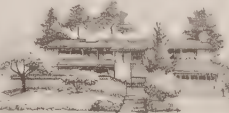
Lovely Georgian floorplan, 4BR, office, light & bright living room, master suite w/fireplace, formal dining, breakfast room & lovely creek side setting. Judith Cain

\$799,000

980 SUNNYHILLS ROAD

This very charming home in Crocker Highland's is fabulous indoor/outdoor living family room off kitchen. Great architectural detail. Anian Pettit Tunney

\$730,000



5820 BALMORAL DRIVE

Stylish & updates! New kitchen for the serious cook. Enjoy the private gardens off the spacious family room. Great master suite. Angela Wei Grubb

\$719,000

5541 MAXWELTON ROAD

New England Cape Cod classic floor plan. 3BR/2.5BA, great detail, charming sun room, private gardens & patio. Perfect location. Sandra Vogl

\$699,000



658 BROOKWOOD PLACE

Charming 3BR/2BA traditional in move-in condition. Formal dining room, updated eat-in kitchen, large rumpus room, yard, two-car garage. Nancy Lehrkind

\$649,000

3173 MONTEREY BLVD.

Jazzy contemporary with south Bay and valley view, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, state of the art kitchen/family room and rumpus room. Debra J. Dryden

\$649,000



3978 FOREST HILL AVE.

Estate-like gardens await you behind this charming English style home. Lovely formal rooms, sunny updates kitchen, 2BR/1+BA & rumpus. Linda McClain

\$535,000

4489 MORAGA AVENUE

Spanish bungalow w/ 4BR including non-conforming in-law unit. Large living room w/fireplace, formal dining room & eat-in kitchen. Bettina Balestrieri

\$489,000

4020 APSEN PLACE

This lovely 2BR/1BA home offers period details, hardwood floors, eat-in area in the kitchen, fireplace & front & back garden. Adam Betta

\$399,000

6244 LEONA STREET

Recently remodeled. Great starter home. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths on large secluded lot w/sweeping Bay view. Affordable! Helen Buty

\$389,000

220 CALDECOTT LN. #310

Parkwoods loft condo with 2 master suites, hill view, quiet location in a gated community including: pool, deeded parking, and easy commute access. Tricia Swift

\$385,000

OAKLAND - BY APPOINTMENT

CLAREMONT PINES

Exquisite custom-built home w/spectacular views. 4 bedroom suites & entertainment room. Craftsmanship & quality detailing throughout. John Karnay

\$2,300,000

MONTEREY COLONIAL

Beautiful rebuild of 30's Monterey colonial! Fabulous Bay views! 5+BR/4BA, large family room, two-car garage, landscaped gardens! Bebe McRae

\$1,825,000



MEDITERRANEAN

Graceful home w/lovely windows & sweeping Bay views! Kitchen/family room opens to garden. Media room/office, den & wine room. 4+BR/3BA. Erika Celeste

\$1,595,000

UPPER ROCKRIDGE

Charming white picket fence & circa 1938 details in this 4BR/3BA home w/family room, rumpus & level garden. Near Hillcrest School. Linda McClain

\$825,000

PIEDMONT AVE. DUPLEX

Charming duplex 2BR/1BA, fireplace, hardwood floors upstairs, spacious 1BR/1BA lower unit, sunny garden, A wonderful, close to shopping neighborhood. Karen Starr

\$489,000

DOWNTOWN CONDO

Chic condominium in the heart of Oakland's downtown area. Close to exciting nightlife in Jack London Square. 2BR + loft. Mavis Delacroix

\$359,000

CONTEMPORARY

Stylish, hip and fresh. Serene setting, conveniently located near Mills College. 3BR/2BA plus 2 home offices and 2-car garage. Anne Feste

\$350,000



CHARMING MONTCLAIR

This charming Montclair home is nestled in a beautiful wooded setting. 2BR/1.25BA, den, cozy living room with hardwood floors & fireplace. Sherry Benninger

\$339,000



TEMESCAL DUPLEX

Charming Victorian duplex in the popular Temescal neighborhood. Great for owner occupant! Great investment opportunity. Tricia Swift

\$315,000



MAXWELL PARK FLXER

Loaded w/charm & potential! 2BR/1BA, formal dining room, loving room w/fireplace, spacious kitchen that opens to garden. Susie Schevill

\$199,000

MONTCLAIR LOT

Double upslope lot w/potential. Sweeping Bay view on private road off Somerset Rd. Some surrounding lots available. Great opportunity for estate site. Debra J. Dryden

\$150,000

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170 Claremont Avenue
Berkeley, 94705

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WEEKLY SALES

ALAMEDA

1458 6th St - \$395,000
1828 9th St - \$386,000
1911 Alameda Av - \$659,000
3147 Ball Ln - \$420,000
2719 Calhoun St - \$465,000
1401 Cottage St - \$279,000
1357 Court St - \$602,000
8 Evans Ct - \$795,000
1417 Everett St - \$350,000
1016 Fontana Dr - \$336,000
414 Ironwood Rd - \$390,000
2860 Jackson St - \$412,500
1835 Nason St - \$394,000
531 Pacific Av - \$341,000
2016 Rosefield Ln - \$559,000
3 Sanderling Ct - \$469,000
827 Santa Clara Av - \$425,000
135 Stanbridge Ln - \$580,000
1535 Walnut St - \$470,000

ALBANY

507 Curtis St - \$470,000
1115 Evelyn Av - \$575,000
846 Santa Fe Av - \$330,000
1020 Stannage Av - \$550,000
704 Washington Av - \$250,000

BERKELEY

1033 Allston Wy - \$345,000
2402 Bonar St - \$290,000
1486 Campus Dr - \$482,000
2283 Cedar St - \$389,000
1402 Dwight Wy - \$338,000
3009 Fulton St - \$450,000
2423 Grant St - \$215,000
1515 Hopkins St #1 - \$400,000
551 Neilson St - \$601,000
1833 Parker St - \$449,000
2826 Prince St - \$407,000
1888 San Lorenzo Av - \$852,000
1589 Scenic Av - \$600,000
1176 Sterling Av - \$735,000
2424 Stuart St - \$690,000
21 The Plaza Dr - \$1,303,000

EL CERRITO

719 Albemarle St - \$435,000
1228 Elm St - \$300,000
6426 Hagen Bl - \$480,000
1150 James Pl - \$975,000

EL SOBRANTE

107 Del Valle Cr - \$200,500
50 La Paloma Pl - \$470,000

EMERYVILLE

6363 Christie #232 - \$617,000
6363 Christie #2327 - \$415,000

KENSINGTON

8 Kerr Av - \$500,000
69 Norwood Av - \$605,000

OAKLAND

1727 100th Av - \$232,000
1316 103rd Av - \$265,000
1319 105th Av - \$210,000
2401 106th Av - \$273,000
1620 14th St - \$325,000
1915 25th Av - \$201,000
906 34th Av - \$275,000
1182 34th St - \$70,000
2060 38th Av - \$343,000
1453 48th Av - \$450,000
201 4th St #309 - \$305,000
1600 51st Av - \$300,000
805 52nd Av - \$340,000

793 52nd St - \$330,000
681 55th St - \$290,000
1039 57th St - \$295,000
3380 64th Av - \$246,000
430 65th St - \$439,000
3028 73rd Av - \$319,000
1062 76th Av - \$435,000
3124 82nd Av - \$303,000
1309 84th Av - \$230,000
1347 88th Av - \$285,000
2307 8th Av - \$312,000
1011 92nd Av - \$148,500
1431 94th Av - \$200,000
1418 Adeline St - \$260,000
5603 Amy Dr - \$585,000
3149 Arizona St - \$520,000
1227 Ashmount Av - \$860,000
1921 Auseon Av - \$218,000
6936 Balsam Wy - \$468,000
6639 Banning Dr - \$500,000
2367 Bartlett St - \$301,000
565 Bellevue #180 - \$355,000
3250 Blandon Rd - \$376,000
6435 Brann St - \$286,000
300 Caldecott #216 - \$270,000

13848 Campus Dr - \$955,000
770 Canyon Oaks #A - \$215,000
7549 Circle Hill Dr - \$265,000
5985 Claremont Dr - \$500,000
5 Clipper Hill - \$910,000
5732 Colton Bl - \$600,000
4736 Congress Av - \$235,000
3145 Coolidge Av - \$249,500
7834 Crest St - \$315,000
3430 Davis St - \$561,000
5832 Dover St - \$340,000
6301 Dover St - \$345,000
2406 East 23rd St - \$475,000
81 Echo Av - \$506,500
4531 Edgewood Av - \$685,000
4659 Edgewood Av - \$680,000
763 Franklin Bl #216 - \$246,000
725 Hillgirt Cr - \$682,000
7350 Holly St - \$285,000
555 Jean St #532 - \$337,000
415 Lagunitas #432 - \$650,000
3231 Lorenzo Av - \$118,000
6631 Lucille St - \$241,000
3263 Madeline St - \$442,500
4100 Malcolm Av - \$520,000

1977 Manzanita
6183 Marguerite
5523 Marlene
6150 Marjorie
5842 Marjorie
5948 Marjorie
401 Montecito
3112 Montecito
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7309 Noy Av
6500 O'Leary
2312 Park Blvd
2539 Ramona
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3000 Roxbury
5465 Ruth Av
2941 Ruthwood
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5620 Shadybrook
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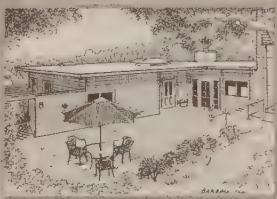
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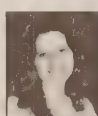


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A Better Mortgage 800-432-0424 DRE#01242793 Fees = \$3629	30-yr Fixed 6.500...0.000 6.680...30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 6.625...0.000 6.930...30	15-yr Fixed 5.875...0.000 6.040...30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 5.750...0.000 5.990...30	Open Weekends. Credit Problems OK. 2nd Mtg's. No equity required. www.CapitalValleyMortgage.com
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AccessBanc Mortgage 800-661-2765 DRE#00892684 Fees = \$1330	30-yr Fixed 6.375...1.000 6.520...30	15-yr Fixed 5.875...1.000 6.040...30			3/1 JUMBO ARM 5.375% 0 prntd fees 5/1 JUMBO ARM 5.875% 0 prntd fees Refi investmt prpty at owner occupied rates
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CLAREMONT HILLS \$2,250,000
GRAND VIEW DR. (Open 2-4:30)
 3 yr. old home. Top of the world
 panoramic Berkeley Hills Point w/5 bridge
 fabulous floor plan, superb quality.
 4BR/4.5BA. Teri Carlisle x1305



PIEDMONT \$2,150,000
BUENA VISTA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
 Classic Craftsman on 1/3 acre
 5+BR/5+BA on approx. 1/3 acre lot
 landscaped w/ swimming pool.
 4-car garage. Georgia Corneli x1325

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$2,149,000
MARGARITO DR. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! Custom built Mediterranean
 5BR/4.5BA, views, terraces,
 4-car garage. Total quality &
 beauty. Dee Knowland x1318

CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,595,000
GYPSY LANE (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! Fabulous Bay view midcentury
 3+BR/3BA, beautiful master w/
 fireplace, hot tub. Updated. Great gardens
 4-car garage. 1/3 acre site. Leslie Avant x1341

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,595,000
ACACIA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
 Dramatic & elegant Claremont Pines
 4BR/3.5BA, gourmet kit, luxuri-
 ous master, large sep. suite on lower level.
 gardens, Tuscan-like view. Anne
 Doyle x1399

PIEDMONT \$1,495,000
BUENA VISTA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! Beautiful traditional in central
 Piedmont. 5+BR/3+BA, updated kitchen/
 family room, opens to level yard. Martha
 Hirsch x1312

MONTECLAIR \$1,049,000
MAZUELA DR. (Open 2-5)
 Charming level-in contemporary on almost
 1/2 acre level lot. Wonderful floor plan w/
 4BR/4BA, gorgeous master suite, level
 4-car garage & city views. Fritz
 Hirsch x1348



UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$975,000
BUENA VISTA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
 Custom 4BR/2.5BA home built in
 1980. Formal dining, gourmet kitchen/fam
 room, lovely outdoor spaces & bay
 view. Dee Knowland x1318

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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$949,000
6069 BUENA VISTA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! Charming 3+BR/2+BA Medi-
 terranean w/FDR, gourmet kitchen, home
 office. Bay views & landscaped garden. Helen
 Danhaki x1356 & Charlotte Boyle x1370



MONTECLAIR \$899,000
6246 ASPINWALL RD. (Open 2-4:30)
 Peaceful setting w/glorious views! Stylish
 home built in 1997. 3BR/2.5BA. Big lot.
 Ultimate privacy. Leslie Easterday x1363

OAKLAND HILLS \$895,000
3719 BRUNELL DR. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! Breathtaking SF view! 4+BR/
 3.5BA, well appointed kitchen, 2 family
 rooms, plus room great for office or den.
 wood floors. Wendy Gardner x1303



MONTECLAIR \$849,000
6775 ESTATES DR. (Open 2-4:30)
 Serene & private custom contemporary on
 Piedmont side of Montclair. 5+BR/4BA, kit/
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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$820,000
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 Oakland/South Bay views. 3BR/2.5BA,
 family room, courtyard, enormous
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CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$799,000
842 LONGRIDGE RD. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! Classic traditional on stately
 tree lined street. Fabulous floor plan, su-
 perb newer kitchen. Great indoor/outdoor
 plan. 3BR/2.5BA. Teri Carlisle x1305

Open Sunday



MONTECLAIR \$795,000
5943 MONZAL AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
 Sunny 8 yr. old traditional w/approx. 2008
 sq. ft. 3BR/2.5BA, large lot w/exceptional
 yard & 4+ car garage. Michelle Miller x1335

OAKLAND HILLS \$759,000
8273 SKYLINE CIRCLE (Open 2-4:30)
 565 BELLEVUE #2507 (Open 2-4:30)
 First time open! Luxury condominium w/
 bay & lake views. 2BR/2BA. Like living on a
 chic cloud w/all the amenities. Sandi
 Klemmer x1314 & Dick Cohen x1308

LAKE MERRITT \$649,000
565 BELLEVUE #2507 (Open 2-4:30)
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 Klemmer x1314 & Dick Cohen x1308

ROCKRIDGE \$625,000
5438 LAWTON AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! Stylish 3BR/1BA near BART
 and shops. Formal dining room, hardwood
 floors, sunroom/entry, and garage. Bob &
 Carolyn Nelson x1345

MONTECLAIR \$619,000
6529 ASCOT DR. (Open 2-4:30)
 Charming single story traditional. 3BR/
 2BA, great master suite, updated baths.
 Large level yard. Bright & sunny. Bonnie
 Hirsch x1337

RIDGEMONT \$619,000
4962 STONERIDGE CT. (Open 2-4:30)
 Lovely 4BR/3BA home on quiet cul-de-sac.
 Glorious views, kitchen w/adjoining family
 rm w/fireplace, gracious master suite & 3-
 car garage. Kathleen Callahan x1343

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$599,000
4542 TOYON PLACE (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! Spacious 3+BR/2.5BA home
 w/1BR/1BA unit. Over 1/2 acre lot w/creek
 at back. Cul-de-sac location. Family room &
 2-car attached garage. Ann Nichols x1319

Open Sunday

MONTECLAIR \$589,000
172 DUNCAN WAY (Open 2-4:30)
 Charming picture book English cottage
 in private setting. Living rm w/wood ca-
 thedral ceilings, spacious family rm. Level
 yard off kitchen. David Ichikawa x1331

OAKLAND HILLS \$579,000
3465 BRUNELL DR. (Open 2-4:30)
 Views from almost every room! Sunny
 level-in home w/4BR/3BA, huge rum-
 pus room, 2 fireplaces, 2-car garage
 Robyn Mohr x1310

ROCKRIDGE \$575,000
5301 BROADWAY TER. #9 (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! First time on the market in
 over 30 years. 2BR/1.5BA condo w/elegant
 & formal large rms. In sought after historic
 brick Tudor building. Ashley O'Neill x1368

MONTECLAIR \$549,000
6629 ARMOUR DR. (Open 2-5)
 3BR/2+BA canyon retreat. Open living/
 dining room. Studio guest suite. Jeffrey
 Himmel x1307



GLENVIEW \$499,000
3828 WOODRUFF AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
 Sunny & adorable bungalow w/3BR/
 1BA, retro eat-in kitchen, formal din-
 ing room w/built-ins, great patio & gar-
 den. Donna Costella x1355

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$495,000
6028 OCEAN VIEW DR. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! Fabulous fixer w/GG views
 in million dollar area. 3BR/1.5BA, hard-
 wood floors, level-in, patio, level yard.
 Great opportunity! Dee Knowland x1318

BERKELEY \$389,000
2905 ELLIS ST. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! Charming 1905 2+BR/1BA
 cottage. Remodeled kitchen/dining
 room. French doors to beautiful garden.
 Lovingly maintained. Near BART & SF
 Nancy Noman x1373

Open Sunday ~ June 9 ~ 2-4:30pm
New Listing!



5301 Broadway Terr. #9

This historic brick Tudor building is one of the most sought
 after condominiums in Rockridge. First time on the market
 in over 30 years. Elegant and formal rooms, 2BR/1.5BA.

Offered at \$575,000
Ashley O'Neill
 Senior Sales Associate
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Open Sunday ~ June 9 ~ 2-4:30pm
New Listing!



56 Gypsy Lane

Fabulous Bay view Midcentury Modern. 3+BR/3BA on
 an approx. .99 acre site in Claremont Hills. Spectacular level
 out gardens for outdoor enjoyment. Beautiful master with
 fireplace, private hot tub, wonderful updated condition.

Offered at \$1,595,000
Leslie Avant
 Senior Sales Associate
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New Listing!

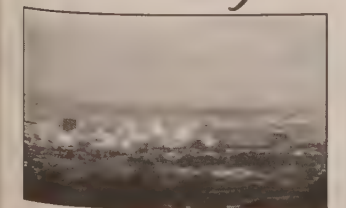


6069 Buena Vista Avenue

Charming Rockridge Mediterranean. Luxurious master suite
 with new bath. Spacious and well appointed lower level home
 office with half bath and separate entry. Abundant Bay views,
 artfully landscaped garden. 3+BR/2+BA.

Offered at \$949,000
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Open Sunday ~ June 9 ~ 2-4:30pm
New Listing!



3719 Brunell Drive

Breathtaking San Francisco view! 4300+ sq. ft. of luxurious
 living! 4BR/3.5BA, 2 family rooms, den.
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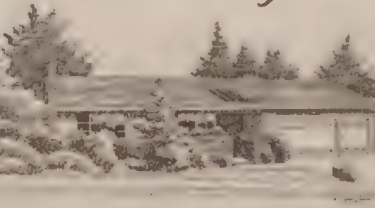


5438 Lawton Avenue

Stylish 3BR/1BA near BART and shops. Formal dining
 room, hardwood floors, sunroom/entry, and garage

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Bob & Carolyn Nelson
 510.338-1345

By Appointment
New Listing!



13211 Clairepointe Way

This sunny, remodeled all-level home has 4BR/2BA,
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 eled kitchen. Its wonderful level yard invites gardening or
 play times and the nearby Parkland trails are great for
 enjoying nature at its best!

Offered at \$579,000
Vicki Woodhead
 Senior Sales Associate
 510.338-1334

Sales

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9 Tiffany Ln - \$900,000
10 Town Square Pl - \$255,000
9 Treasure Hill - \$653,500
2412 Valdez St - \$426,000
3500 Victor Av - \$471,000
3863 West St - \$260,000
4180 Wilshire Bl - \$647,000

PIEDMONT

801 Oakland Av - \$581,000
341 Olive Av - \$303,000

RICHMOND

622 20th St #4 - \$470,000
650 34th St - \$300,000
727 6th St - \$210,000
873 6th St - \$153,000
14 Alamo Av - \$140,000
2926 Alta Mira Dr - \$160,000
4028 Barrett Av - \$230,000
330 Chanslor Av - \$189,000
5521 Clinton Av - \$320,000
1907 Coalanga Av - \$234,000
5601 Esmond Av - \$360,000

1342 Garvin Av - \$300,000
2124 Helligs Av - \$228,000
2703 Humphrey Av - \$259,000
2911 Lowell Av - \$245,000
3256 Lowell Av - \$240,000
2933 McBryde Av - \$340,000
1535 Merced St - \$265,000
3754 N. Stoneglen - \$219,000
1320 Park Central Ct - \$252,000
1301 Quarry Ct #212 - \$355,000
2629 Rheem Av - \$242,500
1004 Ridgeview Dr - \$621,000
2814 Roosevelt Av - \$220,000
970 Sonoma St - \$350,000
448 South 24th St - \$260,000
1301 South 57th St - \$329,000
1254 South 58th St - \$325,000
3663 S. Stoneglen - \$218,000
3665 S. Stoneglen - \$220,000
3629 Sunrise Ct - \$447,000
5726 Tehama Av - \$300,000
333 West Chanslor Av - \$70,000

SAN LEANDRO

1321 145th Av #A - \$160,000
249 Accolade Dr - \$406,500
1369 Advent Av - \$365,000
324 Bellevue Dr - \$350,000
244 Caliente Dr - \$258,000

1400 Carpenter #428 - \$233,000
1400 Carpenter St - \$251,000
15229 Central Av - \$295,000
2011 Constitution Ct - \$635,000
817 Dolores Av - \$350,000
13560 Doolittle Dr - \$193,000
1273 Dorothy Av - \$356,000
2422 Fairway Dr - \$249,000
264 Leo Av - \$348,000
1355 Manor Bl - \$425,000
1115 Martin Bl - \$285,000
1016 Mersey Av - \$350,000
1220 Minerva St - \$315,000
14400 Seagate Dr - \$275,000
1271 Vistagrand Dr - \$520,000
141 Warwick Av - \$325,000
2410 West Av 135th - \$403,000
15561 Wicks Bl - \$366,000

SAN LORENZO

411 Hacienda Av - \$308,000
771 Linnea Av - \$250,000
16160 P. Del Campo - \$340,000
16023 P. Largavista - \$325,000
648 Via Aires - \$315,000
15853 Via Arroyo - \$300,000
1160 Via Esperanza - \$365,000
15829 Via Marlin - \$360,000
16028 Via Vecinos - \$300,000

By the numbers

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LOWEST PRICE: \$279,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$795,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$420,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$459,342

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TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$250,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$575,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$470,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$435,000

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TOTAL SALES: 16
LOWEST PRICE: \$215,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,303,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$534,125

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$300,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$975,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$547,500

EL SOBRANTE

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LOWEST PRICE: \$200,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$470,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$335,250

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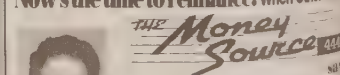
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44 Riva - Room to Grow
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Sales

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KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$500,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$605,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$552,500

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 93
LOWEST PRICE: \$ 70,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,015,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$340,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$417,962

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TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$303,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$581,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$442,000

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TOTAL SALES: 33
LOWEST PRICE: \$ 70,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$621,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$252,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$274,894

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TOTAL SALES: 23
LOWEST PRICE: \$160,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$635,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$348,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$335,370

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST PRICE: \$250,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$365,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$315,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$318,111

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BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR A WEEKLY FEATURES

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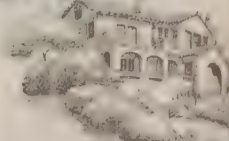
Don't rinse this solution down the drain. Instead, wipe it up with a paper towel.

That way you don't introduce dangerous chemicals into the waste system. After the paper towels have air-dried, they're safe to discard in the normal fashion.

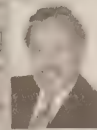
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SPORTS

• Friday, June 7, 2002 •

Section C

Panthers play field at CIF Championships

Each paces St. Mary's
second-place finish
triple jump

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER
POMONA — St. Mary's High
made its mark in field
Saturday at the California
Athletic Federation State
Championships Field Championships
at Cerritos College.

TRACK

who entered the finals
the third-best qualifying
of 48 feet, 9 1/4 inches,
48-5 1/4 in the finals. Only
Atkins of Cerritos was
better that mark (49-7 1/4).
had a fine discus se-
the six-attempt finals, but
Billie Jo Grant of Arroyo
had an even better se-
Gordon finished with a best
of 158-9 — none shorter
170 feet and posted
over 174 on her fifth
attempts. Rachel Varner of
field had only one legal
out went 167-11 for sec-
ond.



SUSAN POLLARD/STAFF

KAMAIYA WARREN of St. Mary's placed third in the shot put (45-10 3/4) and discus (158-9) in the CIF State Track finals Saturday.

Howard of Arroyo Grande (47-0).

Warren had two fouls to start the finals. She then scaled her third attempt to get a mark in before her final three attempts.

"(The fouls) made me mad — it didn't make me nervous," War-

ren said.

St. Mary's Danielle Stokes added a fourth-place finish in the girls 100-meter hurdles (14.17 seconds). Stokes said that her timing was thrown off by contact with Domenique Manning of J.W. North-Riverside.

"We hit each other's arms four times in the race," Stokes said. Talia Stewart of James Logan took first (14.03). Manning was third (14.15).

The Panthers' Bridget Duffy was ninth in the girls 3,200 (10 minutes, 57.18 seconds) and the

St. Mary's boys 400 relay team was seventh (41.75).

A number of local competitors competed in Friday's trials.

Duffy just missed qualifying for the finals in the 1,600 with the 10th-fastest time of 5:00.08. The top nine finishers in the tri-

als qualified for the finals.

The Panthers' Tiffany Johnson also had a close call in the 100, as she had the 10th-fastest time (12.05). She also was tied for 16th in the long jump (18-3) and 17th in the triple jump (37-6 1/2).

Courtney Brown also was close to making to the finals with the 11th-fastest time in the boys 200 (21.67). The Panthers' boys 1,600 relay team had the 12th-fastest time (3:21.54).

St. Mary's freshman Willa Porter had the 18th-fastest time in the girls 400 (58.48), while Stokes produced the 17th-fastest time in the 300 hurdles (46.19).

In the boys high jump, St. Mary's Jared Stearne placed 19th in the trials (6-3). Teammate Ed Wright was unable to negotiate the opening height of 6-3.

Berkeley High had two athletes compete in the trials.

Stephan Brooks was fourth in his heat and 13th overall in the 400 (49.27). Rebekah Payne tied for 16th in the 100 hurdles (14.80).

In the girls 3,200 meters, Head-Royce's Clara Horowitz made a decisive move with 500 meters to go and won the state title with a time of 10:31.01.

Bishop O'Dowd had several team members reach the final day of competition.

The best finish was achieved by Christen Tucker. The senior placed fifth in a very fast 100 meters with a clocking of 12.12 seconds. The race was won by

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STEVE MASLANKA/STAFF

FRANK BENT'S Frank Bent in March recorded his first hole-in-one since an injury limited movement in his arm.

Bent still shooting straight on

defies physical
up with winning
and a solid game
up

Dean Rosener

independent
as it lies.
right arm, too. It has
mobility, but Bent
best he can on the golf
that's pretty good.
resident shoots a
level 74 on average.
my arm looks
to shake hands
said Bent of his
injury. "But that's not
thing, is it?"
Berkeley native and Cal
handshakes on

March 30. He fired a hole-in-one on the 165-yard 11th hole at the Richmond Country Club. Tucking his impaired arm close to his side, the right-hander launched a drive that landed on the front of the green, bounced off then serenely trickled in for an ace.

"It was my second hole-in-one," Bent said. "But the first one was long before my injury."

In 1994, the then-42-year-old Bent was one of the best amateur golfers in the Bay Area, averaging 72. With his 6-foot-5, 240-pound frame, he belted 300-yard drives.

Then it happened. At a driving range that summer, the big golfer suddenly felt intense pain in his right elbow. The cartilage around his elbow had simply collapsed from years of summer-league baseball pitching, at which he

also excelled.

"The doctors told me that the nerves around the elbow are so delicate that reconstructive surgery was too risky," said Bent, now 50.

So Bent, frequently in pain both on and off the golf course, toughs it out with just aspirin. He never takes practice swings, except for putting. Yet he still manages drives averaging 240 yards.

"When I was 100 percent, I liked to loft my drives," Bent said. "But now, with my right arm's limited range, I can only hit line drives."

How complete is the comeback, despite a 20 percent loss in driving distance? In 1997, Bent torched the back nine at Richmond for a course-record 30

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ALBANY-BERKELEY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

RESULTS OF JUNE 1

Younger Division

Nolo Royal Sharks 16,
Sweet Potatoes Sluggers 16

Phenomenal fielding was the order of the day as the Nolo Royal Sharks and the Sweet Potatoes Sluggers played hard in the last game of the season.

The Sharks made short work of the top of the first inning as pitcher Emma Tadlock-Goldsmith neatly snagged a comebacker and relayed to catcher Zoe Renauer at home plate for the first out. Third baseman Terra Dudley pounced on two grounders and tagged her base to force both the second and third outs.

In the second inning, Clara Obstfeld recorded a putout at third base, Lily Gordon fielded a grounder and ran to first for the second out, and Sarah Madden relayed to Gordon at first base for the third out.

The Sweet Potatoes' fielding kicked in when Taylor Ivancich cleanly gloved a sharp grounder and forced a runner out at third.

The Sluggers poured it on in the third inning with 10 batters bringing in five runs, including Sarah Herman's single up the middle that netted two RBI. The Sharks' fielding was still sharp, as Renauer snagged a pop fly, and Nicole Gomez made a pinpoint relay to Tadlock-Goldsmith at third base to force a runner.

For the Sluggers, pitcher Taylor Rios fielded a wicked smash, and threw to third baseman Maria Price-Hanson for the force. Price-Hanson recorded a second out at third base, and Rios ended the inning with a relay to Megan Tokunaga at first base.

Nolo's Obstfeld, on the pitcher's mound in the fourth inning, snagged a series of grounders. Obstfeld relayed to Abby Scott at third base for one out and to Audrey Breitweiser for their 10 batters to the plate. Herman's two-run double highlighted the inning.

The Sharks were tied 16-all when the host score came to bat for the last time. There were Sharks on base when Slugger Ivancich fielded a pop-up and threw to Lindsey Baker at first base for a double play. When Staci Apodaca fielded a grounder and stepped on third, the game was over.

Alliance Graphics
Lightning Bolts 20,
On the Beam Dolphins 10

This showdown at Longfellow on Saturday featured two teams that had both vastly improved since they last met. The Dolphins' bench was a player short with Kyle Daniels sidelined by an ankle injury incurred in Tuesday's victory.

Defensively, the Lightning Bolts impressed with three three-up, three-down innings thanks to the deft hands of Alana Jacobs-Pontecorvo, Isabelle Lubin-Brown, Lizzie Allen, Emma Rotem, Erica Shellum, Cassidy Linden and Natalie Cohen. Their defensive plays repeatedly silenced the hungry Dolphin bats.

The Bolts impressed with their bats,



TUE NAM

ELIZA STUBER of the Lightning Bolts reaches for the ball as Sarah Hoynes of the Dolphins safely goes into second.

too. Zia Walker, for instance, warmed the otherwise chilly field with a piercing drive to center in the third inning that drove home two runs.

Despite the final outcome, the Dolphins seized many opportunities. In the first inning, catcher Fiona Riley left a Lightning Bolt batter in shock as she caught a foul pop-up. In the second, Sarah Hoynes beat out an infield single. The third inning saw Madeleine Salem power a high single that was too much for the shortstop to contain. The fourth inning also featured fine performances by catcher Alexandra Spencer-Wong and Barbara McCray, who blasted a ball to the outfield.

Middle Division

Ginzberg Video
Burning Bullets 6,
Jesse Young Tigers 6

In a season finale characterized by good skills and sportsmanship on both sides, the Bullets came from behind in the fourth inning to earn the tie.

The Tigers' Rose Kerstetter stroked a sharp single, stole second and third and came home on Elana Kessler's single. Chloe McFadin and Shelby La Rosa slugged doubles in a high-scoring second inning. Tigers Kirsten Rapella and Kerstetter pitched strong second and third innings. These and all the other Tigers — Angelina Herrera, Audrey Gutierrez, Caitlin Taffe, Elizabeth Pickrel, Emily Cooper, Fiona Delgado, Julia Herbst, Kumari Chadra and Zoe Pollak — capped a strong season with a great game.

Defensively, the Bullets started strongly with great pitching by Han-

nah Port and two putouts at first by Rachel Chernick. Later, Krista Smithers recorded putouts at first base on throws from Sara Muse and Zoe Oliver-Gray. Oliver-Gray helped field two other outs with good backup from Hannah Guletz and Elisa Jones. Bullets pitcher Lily Felder had a great third inning, striking out two batters and catching a liner for the third out.

Muse hit a whopping line drive in the bottom of the second and came home on a hit by Elizabeth Hilsky, who was later batted in by Hilary Calef. Muse later tripled, Karin Allen, Felder and Chernick also provided some great hitting as the Bullets tied the game and ended the season on a high note.

Older Division

Autumn Press 5,

Strategic Economics Panthers 5

Press and the Panthers demonstrated the tough defense that has been the hallmarks of both teams' seasons.

The Panthers showed their strength early when catcher Katie Wisnoff teamed up with third baseman Leah Belzer-Adams to execute a perfect rundown, preventing a first-inning run by Autumn Press.

Shortly thereafter, Hannah Lyman and Mariko Conner scored runs, as the Panthers pulled ahead 2-0.

Press' Jenna Nation managed to steal home in the second, but her teammates were stymied by a tag at home, a strikeout delivered by pitcher Olivia Beckley and a fly snagged by shortstop Tara Chadra.

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Arts



THE YA-YAS — second from left, Maggie Smith, Fionnula Flanagan and Shirley Knight, right — try to convince Sandra Bullock, second from right, to make up with her mother, played by Ellen Burstyn, left.

Right audience may be gaga for 'Ya-Ya'

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

In the ladies' room, women have a tendency to use the time to chitchat, to do the lipstick and shoe comparison and sometimes even to engage in a little arm-chair therapy. It's a fine place to burst into tears if you're looking for Kleenex and sympathy.

Accounts from the men's room indicate that it is a more practical place, although, of course, one cannot be entirely sure if one is a woman.

Director Callie Khouri's adaptation of Rebecca Wells' gushy novel "Divine Secrets of the Ya-

Ya Sisterhood" is like one long trip to the ladies' room. Women who enjoy the chummy atmosphere of a nice restroom and men with a curiosity about the place — no, not in a perverted sense — are likely to enjoy its easy, chirpy sentimentality, not far removed from the likes of "Steel Magnolias." Others, including no-nonsense sorts of both sexes, are likely to recoil from what will probably feel like an extensive therapy session for the chronically dissatisfied.

The movie centers on the conflicted relationship between a successful young playwright,

Sidda Lee Walker (Sandra Bullock), and her drama queen Southern belle mother, Vivi (Ellen Burstyn), who required frequent belts of bourbon to cope with her marriage and motherhood. She was loving, but at times would flip out and yell at her amiable husband, Shep (James Garner), take off on unannounced minibreaks and even beat her children.

As Sidda is about to open her first Broadway play, she makes the mistake of waxing a little too eloquent about her difficult child-

REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood"
- **STARRING:** Ellen Burstyn, Ashley Judd, Sandra Bullock, Fionnula Flanagan, Shirley Knight, James Garner, Maggie Smith
- **RATING:** PG-13 (mature thematic elements, language and brief sensuality)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 56 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters
- **GRADE:** C

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'Scenes' opens at Contra Costa Civic Theatre



JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

A. R. Gurney's "Scenes From American Life" opens a six-performance weekend run tonight at Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. If you do not revues about "how the other half lives," circa 1930s and beyond, this is your meat.

You've met these kind of folks before, notably in Gurney's later, mellower "The Dining Room," also presented several years ago at CCCI.

"Scenes," a PlayMakers production, presents a different family of WASPs — White Anglo-Saxon Protestants — who live in Buffalo, N.Y. They are socially upper-crust, but the filling in the family pie is pure bile.

It's a poignantly funny show, told in numerous short, sharp scenes and enlivened by Gurney's keen ear for brittle and telling dialogue. Pianist John Crebbin-Coates provides a continuous musical strand of appropriate tunes on which to string these reflective baubles of life among the highfalutin.

Chrome-plated by an assumed birthright superiority, the members of this old-style, establishment-oriented group



EAST BAY IMPROV members, left to right, Carole Honeychurch, Dave Patterson, Zackary Quinn Patterson and Dave Dyson, set for Albany High fund-raiser June 15.

are oblivious and often hilarious in smug self-absorption to their moral and ethical dents and dings.

Director Louis Flynn has assembled a cast of actors, all of whom have worked on this stage before — a sort of old-home-week reunion for many, fittingly all together again as a

stage family.

With Jennifer Antonacci, Cathy Bucher, Lou Capeluto, Dory Ehrlich, Louis Flynn, Maria Fraser, Elaine Jannell, Bob Knop, David Lee, Todd Miller, Simon Patton, Annie Perlin, Phil Reed, Jack Tucker, Eleanor Weigand and Gail Wetherbee.

"Scenes From American Life" plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through June 16. Tickets are \$8. Please no children under five years, the theater requests. Call 510-524-9132. For group sales, 510-524-6654.

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Blues in the night

LOCAL BLUES/ROCK BAND NightFire, featuring (left to right) Michael Warren, bass guitar; Harvey "Snake" Mandel, lead guitar; Michael "Bones" Borbridge, drums; and Freddie Roulette, lap steel guitar/vocals; welcomes special guests Eugene Huggins, harmonica/vocal, and guitar favorite Henry Kaiser when it plays tonight at the Stary Plough Restaurant & Pub, 3101 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. The cover charge is \$6. Call 510-841-2082 for more details.

EVENTS

STAGE

AURORA THEATRE COMPANY — "The Entertainer" by John Osborne, closing June 16. A play following three generations of a family of entertainers wrestling with personal ambition and loyalty to family and tradition \$26 to \$35. Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-843-4822 or www.auroratheatre.org

BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE — **RODA THEATRE** — "Cloud Nine" by Caryl Churchill, June 12 through July 28. A play about race, class, history and sex in 19th century colonial Africa and 20th century London. \$10 to \$54 June 12, Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Thursday and Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; **NO AFTERNOON PERFORMANCES JUNE 13, JUNE 27, JULY 4, JULY 13 AND JULY 25; NO PERFORMANCE JUNE 21, 2025 Addison St**

THRUST STAGE — "Homebody/Kabul" by Tony Kushner, through June 23. A play, set in August 1998 in Afghanistan, about an English woman who is fascinated with the country, turns up missing there, and the attempts of her husband and daughter to find her. \$42 to \$54. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., 2025 Addison St. Berkeley. 510-647-2949, (888) 4BRITIX or www.berkeleyrep.org

CONTRA COSTA CIVIC THEATRE — "Scenes from American Life" by A.R. Gurney, June 7 through June 16. Another look at American WASPs by the author of "The Dining Room." \$12 general; \$8 youths age 16 and under Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. 951 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito 510-524-9132

"GUYS 'R DOLLS: THE CAST OF FINOCCHI" — through July 28. An amazing and funny female impersonator show in a classic vaudeville style review. The revival of a San Francisco tradition that ran for 63 years at the Finocchi Club in North Beach \$39.95. June 23, July 14 and July 28, 3 p.m. The Glenview Performing Arts Center, 1318 Glenfield Ave., Oakland 415-551-9785

IMPACT THEATRE — "Love Is The Law" by Zay Amsbury, closing June 8. The world premiere of a play about a raver boy falls in love with an undercover DEA agent at a rave. \$12 general; \$7 students. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. La Val's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid, Berkeley. 510-464-4468

SHOTGUN PLAYERS — "Abingdon Square" by Maria Irene Fornes, June 16 through July 6. A lyrical exploration of a young woman's spiritual and sexual awakening. \$10 to \$25 general; \$12 seniors and students. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 925-798-1300

TRANSPARENT THEATRE — "What Cats Know" by Lisa Dillman, closing June 9. This is the world premiere of a comedy about adult sexual play. It explores the relationships between four thirty-somethings who become entangled in a game of betrayals, lies, sudden urges and unexpected consequences. \$20 general; pay-what-you-can Sunday. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. 510-863-0305 or www.transparenttheatre.org

WOMEN IN TIME PRODUCTIONS — "The Apple Cart" by George Bernard Shaw, through June 29. A battle between King Magnus, everyman's king, and democracy. \$20 to \$22. Thursday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 925-798-1300 or www.womenintime.com

POPULAR MUSIC

ACCI GALLERY — "Jazz Night," through June 28. Four music events to benefit the ACCI Retrofit project. \$10.

June 28, 8 p.m.: The Bob Schoen Quintet featuring Cheryl McBride. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-2527.

BLAKE'S ON TELEGRAPH — Stung: A Police Tribute Band, June 7, \$5. Dan Man Shank, June 8, \$5. All Star Jam featuring The Steve Gannon Band and Mz. Dee, June 10, \$4. Kite, Grrr Monster, June 11, \$3. Hebro, June 12, \$5. Electronica, Ascension, June 13, \$5. Inna Heights, Mancato, June 15, \$5. Cadence, Ultra Nada, June 16, \$3. For ages 18 and up. Music at 9:30 p.m. 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 510-848-0886

FREIGHT AND SALVAGE — Cats and Jammers, June 7 and June 8. \$16.50 to \$17.50.

Austin Lounge Lizards, June 9, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. \$16.50 to \$17.50.

Perfect Strangers, June 12. \$16.50 to \$17.50.

Peter Mulvey, June 13. \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Oak, Ash and Thorn, June 14. \$16.50 to \$17.50.

City Folk, June 15. \$15.50 to \$16.50.

John Fahey Tribute Concert, June 16. \$17.50 to \$18.50.

Music starts at 8 p.m. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-548-1761 or 510-762-BASS or www.freightandsalvage.org

LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER — Jacqueline Rago and Venezuelan Music Project, June 8, 8:30 p.m. \$12.

Domingo de Rumba, June 9, 7 p.m. \$8.

Fogo na Ropa, June 14, 8:30 p.m. \$10 to \$12.

Goapele, DJ Namane, June 15, 9 p.m. \$8 to \$13.

3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-

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press/girlfriend. Allen may insist that he intended "Hollywood Ending" to be his comment on formulaic Hollywood comedies. If so, the film's humor isn't sharp enough to include the audience in the joke. — P. Wuntch. (PG-13: drugs and suggested sexuality.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. C

"ICE AGE": The plot for this animated film looks back 20,000 years when all creatures were planning a southbound exodus before the big freeze. Solitude-craving woolly mammoth Manny and chatterbox Sid, a lazy sloth, have the makings of a prehistoric odd couple, but they become creatures of action when they must return a lost infant to his human tribe. Saber-toothed tiger Diego joins them, with his own agenda. The screenplay's clever patter has pop-culture references and sophisticated exchanges that may sail over the heads of some audience members. But kids probably will lap up much of the film. — P. Wuntch. (PG: scenes of peril.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. B

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No cover. Monday through Thursday, 5 p.m. Trader Vic's Emeryville, 9 Anchor Drive, Emeryville. 510-653-3400.
SUMMER NOON CONCERTS 2002 — Thursday in June and July, noon.
June 13: La Pena Community Chorus. Free. Downtown Berkeley BART Plaza, Shattuck and Center Streets, Berkeley. 510-549-2230.
YOSHIS — Isaac Delgado, through June 9, \$20 to \$24; Sunday matinee: \$5 children; \$10 general with one child; \$20 to \$24 general. Dan Zinn, June 10. Proceeds benefit The Body Positive and general; 7 children ages 12 and under. Pharaoh Sanders Quartet, June 11 through June 16. \$20 to \$24; Sunday matinee: \$10 general with one child; \$5 children; \$20 to \$24 general. Shows Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland, 510-238-9200 or www.yoshis.com or www.tickets.com

CLASSICAL MUSIC

BERKELEY FESTIVAL AND EXHIBITION — Through June 9. A weeklong festival of concerts, exhibits and symposia.
June 7, 4 p.m.; June 8 and June 9, noon: "Le Carroussel du Roi," an equestrian ballet by French military academy director Antoine Pluvinet, displays both the balletic qualities of dressage and the riding skills required of cavalry in battle. At Heather Farm Park, Ygnacio Valley Road and N. San Carlos Drive, Walnut Creek. \$38 general, \$19 children ages 16 and under.
June 7, 8 p.m.: Capriccio Stravagante, Skip Sempe, conductor and harpsichord, Guillemette Laurens, mezzo-soprano. "La Recreation en Musique," a program of works by Leclair. Rameau, Lambert, d'Anglebert, Lully and de Montéclair. In Hertz Hall. \$36.
June 8, 3 p.m.: Marion Verbruggen, recorder, Arthur Hass, harpsichord and Mary Springfels, viola da gamba.

A concert of Spanish and Italian chansons by Ortiz, de Selma, Rogmori, Dieupart, Marais, Corelli and others. In Hertz Hall. \$28.
June 8, 8 p.m.: American Bach Soloists, directed by Joseph Thomas. A program of J.S. Bach's celebratory cantatas, dedicated to the memory of Joseph Spencer. At First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. \$38.
June 9, 4 p.m.: Capriccio Stravagante, Skip Sempe, conductor and harpsichord, Guillemette Laurens, mezzo-soprano and Chanticleer, directed by Joseph Jennings. "Canto a mi Caballero," a concert of works by de Cabezón, de Rora, Milan, del Encina, des Pres and others. At First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. \$42.
SYMPOSIA — In 125 Morrison Hall, UC Berkeley campus. Free.
June 7, noon: "The Influence of the Spanish Renaissance on Mexico: The Newberry Choirbooks and their Composers."
June 8, 10 a.m.: "Emblematic Images of Music in Early Baroque Paintings." MASTER CLASSES — In 125 Morrison Hall, UC Berkeley campus. Open to the public. \$5. (510)842-0212
June 7, 10 a.m.: Skip Sempe, harpsichord.
June 7, 3 p.m.: Marion Verbruggen, recorder
"CONCERTS ON THE FRINGE" OF THE BERKELEY FESTIVAL — Through June 9. Independently produced concerts to coinciding with the Berkeley Festival. 510-528-1725.
June 7, 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.: La Monica Ensemble. Loper Chapel, First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant, Berkeley. \$10.
June 7, 1 p.m.: University of North Texas Baroque Ensemble. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. \$10.
June 7, 2 p.m.: Janine Johnson, harpsichord, and Rachel Streeter, baroque flute. International House, Bancroft and Piedmont, Berkeley. \$10 to \$15.
June 7, 2:30 p.m.: Jay White, coun-

tertenor; Petra Burmann, theorbo; Junghee Kim, harpsichord. Loper Chapel, First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant, Berkeley. \$10 to \$15.
June 7, 7 p.m.: Vox Populi. St. Joseph of Arimathea Chapel, 2316 Bowditch St., Berkeley. \$10.
June 7, 10:30 p.m.: Coro Ciconia. Loper Chapel, First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant, Berkeley. \$15 general, \$7.50 seniors and students.
June 8, 11 a.m.: La Monica Ensemble. Loper Chapel, First Congregational Church, Dana/ Durant, Berkeley. Free.
June 8, 1 p.m.: Sheli Nan and Soji Odukgbo. St. Joseph of Arimathea Chapel, 2316 Bowditch St., Berkeley. \$12 general, \$10 students, seniors.
June 8, 1 p.m.: The Junior Recorder Society. St. Joseph of Arimathea Chapel, 2316 Bowditch St., Berkeley. Free.
June 8, 2 p.m.: Galetta Trio. Trinity Church, 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. \$5 to \$10.
June 8, 6 p.m.: Clay Erickson, lute. St. Joseph of Arimathea Chapel, 2316 Bowditch St., Berkeley. \$15.
June 9, 2 p.m.: Farallon Recorder Quartet. St. Joseph of Arimathea Chapel, 2316 Bowditch St., Berkeley. \$10-\$12 UC Berkeley campus, Bancroft Way at College Ave., Berkeley. 510-842-9988.
BERKELEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA — "Under Construction." George Thomson conducting. June 16, 7:30 p.m. A program of new works in progress by young Bay Area composers. Free. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. www.berkeleysymphony.org
INSTITUTO PRO MUSICA DE CALIFORNIA — "Music For Corpus Christi: Choral Songs To Feed The Soul," through June 9. A program of works, by Spanish, Mexican, Peruvian and Colombian composers of the 16th-20th centuries, that were originally composed for the Catholic "Feast of Corpus Christi." June 8, 8 p.m.: At St. Joseph the Worker, 1640 Addison St., Berkeley. \$20 general, \$15 seniors and students, free children 16 and under. Berkeley. 415-431-4234 or www.corohispano.org

Reviews

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"KISSING JESSICA STEIN": Here's the good news: This romantic comedy about two single women who seek each other out after growing tired of dating men is endearing, warm and funny — often laugh-out-loud hilarious. But after providing such insight, its ending is just too pat and safe. Jennifer Westfield and Heather Juergensen are charming actresses, almost making you forget the stinky ending. — C. Lemire. (R; sexual content and language.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. C+

"LANTANA": The discovery of a corpse sets the theme for this movie, though it is just as much a police thriller as it is a complex psychological investigation into the nature and difficulties of marriage. The film focuses on four couples, and with a cast topped by Anthony LaPaglia, Geoffrey Rush and Barbara Hershey, it doesn't lack for the intensity and emotion to make its story convincing. All these people figure in the story attached to that corpse. Although we eventually get the information we need, little of it comes to us directly. Rather, "Lantana" feeds us knowledge slowly and obliquely. This remarkably thoughtful drama makes it clear not only how hard it is to come by any emotional comfort in this life, but more importantly, why we can't give up on the struggle. — K. Turan. (R; language and sexuality.) 2 hours, A-

"MONSOON WEDDING": An accomplished and entrancing blend of comedy and drama from director Mira Nair ("Mississippi Masala"). Over four days, a flustered Punjabi patriarch prepares for an arranged marriage between his only daughter and an engineer from Houston. Unfortunately the bride is still in love with her married lover, and her spinster cousin is about to drop a bombshell on the family. As satisfying, subtle, steamy and balanced between serious and joyous as the best weddings actually are. — M. Pols. (R; language, including some sex-related dialogue.) 1 hour, 54 minutes. A-

"MONSTER'S BALLS": Loneliness hangs over the first half of director Marc Forster's movie like a sheet of rain: the loneliness of a single mother (Halle Berry), of a man going to the electric chair (Sean Combs) and a friendless racist who realizes he has nothing to live for (Billy Bob Thornton). Berry and Thornton are both outstanding as a pair of unlikely lovers. A bleak and beautiful movie, and while the rain never stops, it does ease up, offering one of the most delicately redemptive stories since "Dead Man Walking." — M. Pols. (R; strong sexual content, language, violence.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. A

"THE MYSTIC MASSEUR": Ismail Merchant's rich and absorbing film, based on V.S. Naipaul's first novel, is set in the bosom of Trinidad's Indian community in the 1940s and '50s, when that Caribbean island was still under British control. Despite the film's historical specificity, its portrait of the making (and unmaking) of a leader who prides himself on being a man of the people is a subtle, humorous, illuminating study of politics, power and social mobility. The charismatic protagonist, Ganesh Ransumair (Aasif Mandvi), ascends from schoolteacher, through a dual career as an author and masseur with spiritualist pretensions, to a seat in Parliament. His rise, which involves a fair amount of smoke and mirrors, is presented without moral judgment. This ruefully amused overview of human nature and its quirks ultimately transcends period and location. — S. Holden. (PG: sensual situations.) 1 hour, 57 minutes. B+

"THE NEW GUY": DJ Qualls is Dizzy Gillespie Harrison, a James Brown-digging geek who is picked on in school. Then, a turn of events sends

Diz, briefly, to jail. He's taken under the wing of Luther (Eddie Griffin), a veteran con. Luther teaches Diz what it takes to be street cool. Diz starts going by "Gill," changes his wardrobe, gets a tattoo and enrolls in a new school. Gill's a dangerous dude and catnip to the ladies. Nobody picks on him any more. But his remade image means he has less time for his nerdy pals. There are smart movies and funny movies on the subject of white kids taking on a black "gangsta" pose as an identity in high school, but this one is neither. — R. Moore. (PG-13: sexual content, language, crude humor, mild drug references.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. D

"NINE QUEENS": It's sleight-of-hand filmmaking in this tricky — and yes, manipulative — thriller from Argentina that's preposterous and fun to watch. Two swindlers (Gaston Pauls and Ricardo Darin) meet by chance — or do they? — and hatch a plan that involves the sale and resale of some priceless stamps. Enter the prospective buyers, slythier creations who become entangled in this con game where narveté may be the biggest bluff of all. — S. Holden. (NR) 1 hour, 55 minutes. B

"THE PIANO TEACHER": A marvelously twisted movie about a dangerously repressed Viennese piano teacher (Isabelle Huppert) and her relationship with a talented young student (Benot Magimel). He thinks he's taking a musically gifted Mrs. Robinson on a voyage of discovery; instead, they embark on a cruise straight to hell on the good ship Sex Fetish. Be prepared: This isn't a pretty French film. The acting is incredible, though, and this is one of the most realistic depictions of sexual aberration ever made. — M. Pols. (NR; but includes extreme scenes of sexuality and self-mutilation.) 2 hours, 10 minutes. A

"SPIDER-MAN": Not high art, but still that rare thing, an event movie that leaves you feeling chipper, entertained and sated rather than ripped-off. Director Sam Raimi treats the material at hand with the loving, careful touch of someone who knows and treasures this bedtime story as much as we do, while Tobey Maguire makes such a compelling Peter Parker that it's a bit of a disappointment whenever he puts on the mask to make an appearance as Spider-Man. — M. Pols. (PG-13: stylized violence and action.) 2 hours, 1 minute. B+

"SPIRIT: STALLION OF THE CIMARRON": From Flicka to Black Beauty, every great horse story must have an element of tragedy. The biggest tragedy in this animated family film is the cheery Bryan Adams soundtrack, which really puts a damper on what is otherwise a lovely film. Spirit is a wild mustang stallion who roams the American frontier with his pack of mares, until he's captured by the Cavalry and put to work. The animators have rendered a version of the West so beautiful, your kids may be clamoring for a driving tour of our national parks this summer. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 22 minutes. B

"STAR WARS—EPISODE II: ATTACK OF THE CLONES": As Yoda might say, just many questions, we have. The right questions, some of them. Get you back to the theater for "Episode III," they will. Irritating, others are. Stand alone, "Attack of the Clones" doesn't. Better than "Phantom Menace," but still a far cry from its sprightly original. "Star Wars" roots. Too computerized, too ponderous and at two hours and 22 minutes, too long. Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) is a brat, you'll question what Padmé (Natalie Portman) sees in him, but romance does blossom between them. — M. Pols. (PG: sustained sequences of sci-fi action/violence.) 2 hours, 22 minutes. C+

from his prime minister and cabinet, a representative from the United States arrives and announces plans to renounce the Declaration of Independence and merge with the United Kingdom.

"The Apple Cart" plays at 7 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 7 p.m. Sundays through June 29 at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door and two-for-one on Thursdays and Sundays. Senior, student and TBA discounts available. Call 925-798-1300 or visit www.womenintheatre.com.

IMPROV FOR FUN AND FUNDS: Here's a follow-up on last Friday's column about the Albany High School Theater Ensemble's fund-raising efforts to save its goose from being

cooked by budget cuts.

The students and their parents have enlisted the help of a popular local improv group, "East Bay Improv," to do a benefit show. Time and place are 7:30 p.m., June 15, at the Albany High Little Theatre, 603 Key Route Blvd., Albany. Tickets are \$10 at the box office.

Four members of the improv group — Carole Honeychurch, Dave Patterson, Zackary Quinn Patterson and Dave Dyson — are the "cast." And they haven't the faintest idea what they are going to do! Somebody tosses out an idea, a line, a word or some tiny seed of inspiration as a takeoff point — and, WHAM-O — this nimble-witted quartet makes up stories and songs on the spot based on the suggestions. More improv inside stuff next week.

The Ya-Yas could so easily have been a gaggle of annoying, over-the-top senior citizens, but they're cast for maximum class and dignity. Smith snorts her way through the role of Caro with her usual impeccable comic timing, while Flanagan ("The Others") is as snappy and vivid as a Larry McMurtry heroine. Both women, one English, the other Irish, do credible Southern accents.

The role of Sidda has been tinkered with to suit Bullock; she's less of a pill than she was in Wells' book, and thus more likable. But when it comes to comedy, her strong suit, Bullock gets greedy. By stretching to make the comedy broader, she steals her own dramatic thunder, rendering her truntnums, and one key plot device involving Connor, silly and non-threatening. We can't take her seriously.

Judd and Burstin, on the other hand, hit the right notes in two-part harmony. Individually, they're both beautiful, with great bone structure, but you'd never think of them as looking much alike. Yet

when the camera cuts from Judd's smiling face to Burstin's, you could swear you're looking at the same mouth, the same set of teeth. They steal from each other's expressions and mannerisms and, as a result, we buy into this dual performance in a way we rarely do.

Its weaknesses aside, "Ya-Ya" has a tantalizing underlying theme. As a young girl, Vivi had aspirations: to be famous, to matter outside of her hometown. For whatever reason — the movie isn't too clear on this, but it's a good bet it had to do with having four children — that dream slipped away from her. It lives on her daughter, but Vivi herself never lost the longing for it, and it's a big part of what makes her bitter. There's a whole generation of people out there who can look back on their own mothers, the ones who were housewives and mothers less by choice than because their options were limited, and see in them little bits of Vivi. "Ya-Ya" will speak to these people, and likely, they'll make it a hit.

the center line — or even eliminating the offside call entirely. Open the game up. (We'll pause here for shock and disgust). No, it wouldn't make soccer like basketball — there'd be no 50-48 games. You still can't use your hands, after all.

American TV viewers want scoring, and this is one reason the NHL (which I once covered as a sportswriter) still struggles to get TV ratings in this country. And soccer has even less scoring than hockey. If there's one thing more boring to most TV viewers than a scoreless tie in baseball (something baseball purists inevitably call a "pitcher's duel"), it's a 0-0 soccer final score.

That's a big reason football has muscled ahead of the other pro sports in popularity here. Because of its TV-mindedness, the NFL is far more amenable to change, whether it's allowing instant replays, changing the rules about forward fumbles, etc. When Arena Football came along, shortened the field, and allowed balls to be kicked and caught off a screen, few screamed that they were ruining a sacred game. Far from it — it was merely adapted. Over a decade after its inception, Arena Football is still alive and kicking. So, I think we can all agree

on one thing: Soccer has grown a lot in popularity in this country. And many more American kids are playing it.

But remember: Playing it and watching it on TV are two far different things.


"WIRE" STORY: It's starting to look like HBO may have another potential critical and viewer hit on its hands with its new series "The Wire," whose second episode airs Sunday night at 10:05. I've now seen the first five shows, and I'm hooked on this unusually realistic, tough-looking show about the war on drugs in the Baltimore projects. "The Wire" has what one reviewer calls a "rough elegance." In one scene Sunday, homicide detective McNulty (Dominic Monaghan) tells drug dealer D'Angelo (Larry Gillard Jr.), "Here's what I don't get about this drug thing: Everything else in this country gets sold without people shooting each other."

I'm not interested in gangsters, but HBO's acclaimed "Sopranos" is compelling because of its ineluctable artistry. And that also explains a big part of the appeal of "Wire" and its cast of patiently and fully developed inner-city characters. Plus, it's different. Everything on "The Wire" show is hard-earned, whether by

the police or the dealers. It's not even until the fifth episode that the cops finally get the wiretap that gives this involving new series its name. It's still not too late to get in on the ground floor of this one.

RAW PRODUCE, GOOD LINE: You may have heard local TV and radio stations gleefully reporting the news item about controversial KNTV news anchor Terilyn Joe (formerly at KGO-TV) flinging veggies at workmen who had the audacity to make noise outside Her Highness's San Francisco apartment recently. The workers wanted to press charges; someone gleefully posted the SFPD report on the bulletin board of KTVU's newsroom in Oakland last week. I got calls from former Channel 2 colleagues, knowing what a fan I've been of the Canadian-born anchor who first introduced the fiber-optic hair helmet to this market. KQED-FM "Forum" talk host Michael Krasny comments piously: "It's a curious metaphor, heaving tomatoes — since so many have wanted to do just that while watching her performances as an anchor."

(Questions? Comments? Answer to the Cantor question above? E-mail Newsmann@sonic.net)



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Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Children

■ **The top three** contestants of Berkeley Branch of California Writers Club's annual Fifth Grade Short Story Contest read their works at a luncheon hosted by the club, on Saturday, June 8, at La Strada Restaurant, 2215 Church Lane, San Pablo. Cost of luncheon is \$15. For more information, call 655-1869.

■ **Berkeley Arts Magnet** students perform "The Lion King," at 7 p.m. May 30, 31, and June 4, and 5, at Whittier Arts Magnet Auditorium, 1645 Milvia St., Berkeley. One of only six schools throughout the state of California selected to receive both the California Distinguished Schools Award, and the Excellence in the Arts Award. The students, for the first time in 20 years, are presenting a musical as a single multimedia art event. Admission is free, reservations are required. For more ticket information, call 527-8399 or e-mail lionking@profato.com.

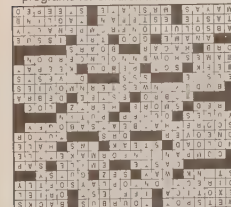
■ **The Berkeley High School Jazz Ensemble** and combos and the Lab Band perform at 7 p.m. Friday, May 31, at the Florence Schwimley Little Theatre, 1920 Allston Way. Tickets are available only at the door for \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors. BHS staff and students. The box office will open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 548-8026 or visit the Web site at www.berkeleyhighjazz.org.

■ **Teen Support Group** meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free support group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. For more information, call PediatricCare at 531-7551.

■ **Check out books** from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

■ **Hall of Health**, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 549-9682.

■ **The City of El Cerrito**, offers special programs for children from 22 months



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■ **LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups** meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent child care. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes.

■ **The Ann Martin Children's Center** offers eight "Support Groups for Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

■ **Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's** public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two days camps held at actual University of California field research stations; and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to: lshmo@uclink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134.

■ **"Theater Rats,"** Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 863-7023 for additional information.

Health

■ **Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT)** support group meets Saturdays monthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neurogenic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

■ **YWCA Health and Community Education** drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Community

■ **Julia Butterfly Hill** and nationally-renowned youth poets come together to raise money for Common Ground at 7 p.m. Friday, June 7, at the St. Joseph The Worker School, 2125 Jefferson Ave. in Berkeley. Hill is a renowned environmental activist who lived in the canopy of an ancient Redwood tree for 738 days. She has also written two books. Admission: general \$12; students: \$7. Refreshments provided. All proceeds go to Common Ground: a small learning community dedicated to environmental and social justice. For more information, call 843-0251.

■ **East Bay French American School** transforms into "La Place du Marche" from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 2. The school's lower campus, located at 1009 Heinz Ave., and 9th Street in Berkeley will transform into an authentic French marketplace, complete with music, food, and spe-

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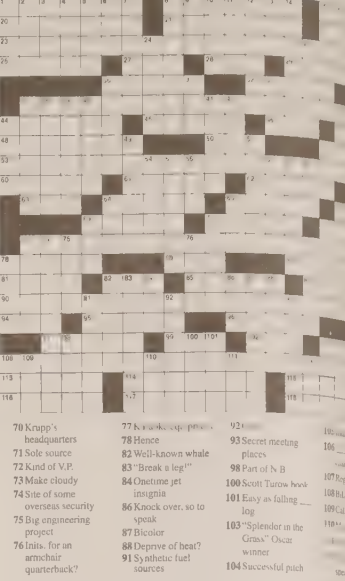
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cialized vendor booths, all with a delightfully French atmosphere. Admission is \$5; children 12 and under are free. "La Place du Marche" and raffle is the largest fund-raiser for the school. For more information, visit the school's Web site at www.eblas.org.

■ **Berkeley Boosters/Police Activities League** is "Bringing the Outdoors In," to celebrate and showcase youth from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 1, at the Frances Alpbier Community Center of San Pablo Park in Berkeley. "Bringing the Outdoors In" is a spaghetti fund-raising dinner benefiting programs and scholarships for at-risk and low-income youth. Berkeley Boosters founded the program in 1983 to help deal with the problems that existed at that time between the police department and youth. For ticket and additional information, call Josephine at 845-7193.

■ **REI, East Bay Regional Park District** and East Bay Area Trails Council are hosting a trail maintenance project in Redwood Regional Park in the Oakland hills from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 1 with an optional camp-out Friday, May 31. Volunteer for a fun morning outdoors repairing damaged trails. No prior experience is necessary; the park staff provides all tools and supervision. Pre-registration is required. Group size is limited to 150. For more information or to pre-register for the event, call 527-7377.

■ **Visit six private gardens** in Berkeley and El Cerrito, as part of the Garden Conservancy's National Open Days Program. Visitors may begin their tour at the Harland Hand Memorial Garden, 825 Shelvin Drive, El Cerrito, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$23 for all six gardens. In addition, the Ruth Bancroft Garden, 1500 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek, will be having a special Open Day event, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., \$5. No reservations are required, and the Open Day is rain or shine. For more information, or to order the 2002 Open Days di-

rectory listing over 450 private gardens in 26 states open to the public, call The Garden Conservancy toll-free, 1-888-842-2442.

■ **The Berkeley Art Center**, 1275 Walnut St., hosts its 10th annual Youth Arts Festival through May 24. A city-wide celebration includes art, music, dance and poetry by talented youth from the Berkeley Unified School District. A visual art exhibition features paintings, drawings, sculptures, ceramics and mixed media by K-8th grade students. Admission: Free; workshops \$15. Call 844-6933 for scheduling and more information.

■ **Berkeley Camera Club** meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more information, call Don at 525-3565.

■ **TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly)** Chapter CA 1294 is now meeting from 7:15-8:30 p.m. every Thursday evening at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. For more information call Betty Coates at 235-0490. This chapter has moved from

Richmond. ■ **Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370.

■ **Marion Rosen**, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experimental practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way. Admission: \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 848-6606.

■ **Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and

disaster first aid. All at the first department. Operators Center classes are open to older, who lives or works in the area. To register, or for more call the Office of Emergency Services at 844-8736.

■ **Berkeley Art Museum** presents a guest artist. Partner: Men and Women Contemporary Artists. Presented by the Berkeley Art Museum. Sign up on Alternating 12:15 p.m. and on. For additional information, call 848-6370.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meets at 1:30 PM at the Community Church in The Alameda between Santa Maria avenues, in Room 4 care room—parents of children. This organization provides information, call 5231.

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Ave., continues its "Solos: The Contemporary Monoprint" exhibit through June 15. This is the second in the gallery's series of exhibitions exploring a particular printmaking process. Art historian Peter Selz will sign his new monograph "Nathan Oliveira," from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 1. Gallery hours: Reservations are suggested. Call 549-2977 for more information.

A.C.C.I. Gallery, 1652 Shattuck Ave., continues its exhibition "Organic," featuring six Bay Area artists, through June 14. The artists are Barbara Bobes, photography; Jean Hearst, watercolor and acrylic; Vannie Keightley, prints; Lynne Meade, ceramics; D.B. Porter, India ink/watercolor; and William Shinn, ceramics. Gallery hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 843-2527.

Suzuki Studio, 2240 Grant St., presents nationally-known artist Lewis Suzuki from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and Sunday, June 1 and 2, and Saturday, Sunday, June 8 and 9. Suzuki is known for his use of watercolor in a wide range and subject matter. He has painted extensively in California, Oregon, Mexico, Japan, China and the Philippines. For more information, call 849-1427.

Albany Arts Gallery, 1251 Solano Ave., Albany, presents an exhibition of recent color photographs by Gordon H. Nagai, Kimberly Martinez and Kristy Hardy from May 31 through June 30. Gallery hours: Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 526-9558.

"Palestinian Children Recreate Their World," reception, art show and fundraiser is from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at the Nexus Gallery, 2701 Eighth St. (at Carleton). A \$10 donation is requested. This is a benefit to raise funds for support services for women and children in the West Bank and Gaza. For more information, call 531-4771.

The UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive continues its exhibit of Masterworks of Chinese Painting through May 26. The Cahill collections, historically known as the Ching Yuan Chai Collection represent virtually every period and phase of Chinese paintings over the last 900 years and include major figure paintings and a selection of botanical and animal subjects. General admission: \$6; seniors and students 12-18 years, \$4; BAM/PFA members, UC Berkeley students, staff and faculty, and children under 12 are free. For more information, call 642-0808.

The Richmond Museum of History continues exhibits highlighting Richmond's agricultural beginnings, industrial achievements, and home-front contributions during WWII. Special ex-

hibits and events are held throughout the year. The museum is located in the historic 1910 Carnegie Library in the Old Downtown area at the corner of 4th Street and Nevin Ave. Call 235-7387 for more information or to arrange tours.

The City of El Cerrito presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on requests. Admission: \$7.50 residents, \$9.38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more information, call Jude at 215-4371.

Alta Bates Medical Center presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information.

New Pieces Gallery is located on Solano Avenue. New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

Literary Events

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John F. Kennedy University Arts and Consciousness Gallery presents its "2002 Graduate Exhibition," from June 7, through June 20, at the John F. Kennedy University Arts Annex, 2956 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley Business Center, 2nd floor. The group exhibits a variety of work in different media, created by nineteen graduating students from the Masters in Transformative Arts and Masters of Fine Arts programs. Free. For more information, call 649-0499.

The Reading Edge is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Allston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access printed material. Users must complete a brief

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Meetings

YWCA Turning Point Career Center continues its Brown Bag Career Talk series with "Career Opportunities in Massage Therapy," from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, June 11, Bertha Rohrbach, CMT will discuss the health field of massage therapy and its growing acceptance and application as a complementary therapy to western medical traditions. The center is located at 848-6370. Cost: \$3 at the door. Details: 848-6370 or visit the Web site at www.ywca-berkeley.org.

Improve your speaking skills by attending Berkeley Communicators' Toastmaster meetings, the first and third Wednesdays each month at 7:15 a.m. at Vault's Cafe, 3250 Adeline Street. Details: 527-2337.

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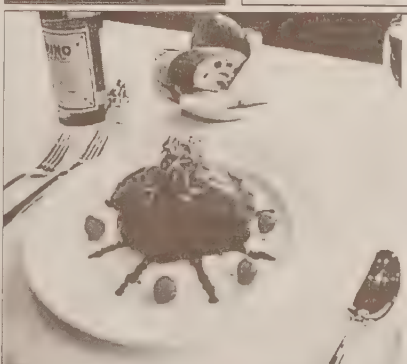
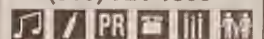
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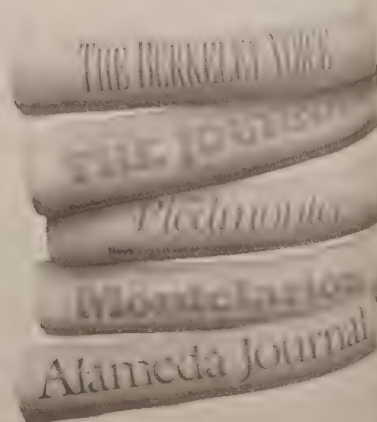
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- **Julia Morgan Center for the Arts** hosts an informational and discussion session regarding dance opportunities in the Bay Area. The center opens its doors to the dance community and presents its plans for Dance Week 2002 and for future dance performances on the stage of Julia Morgan Theatre. The event is free. RSVP to Bridget Frederick at bridget@juliamorgan.org or by calling 845-9542, ext. 302. Visit the Web site at www.juliamorgan.org for more details.
- **Kensington Senior Activity Center** meets from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The West Contra Costa Adult school and community volunteers present the Center's program of life-long learning. Attend any class or event. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Details: 526-9146 or 547-1969.
- **Disabled American Veterans** Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. Details: R. DeRitti, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364.
- **The WYCA** offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 846-6370.
- **The Berkeley Avator Metaphysics** Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For more information, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.
- **Berkeley Toastmasters Club** meet monthly, on the first and third Thurs-

- days at 2515 Hillegass Ave. The group specializes in developing its communication and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call Odette Larde at 869-2547 or 643-7645.
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- **Speak Smart!** Join Beijing Express Toastmasters. The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.
- **Toastmasters Meeting:** Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 863-6708 for additional information.
- **Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS)** meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on Solano below Arlington. Call Betty Coates 235-0490 for more information.
- **Joy of Yiddish:** Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information. The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.
- **The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group** meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffei Auditorium, Heron Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. For additional information call 204-4503.
- **Toastmasters on Campus** meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.
- **Public speaking skills** and metaphysics come together at Avator Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.
- **"Voices of Healing"** is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. Call 526-1235 for more information.

- **State Health Toastmasters Club** meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.
- **Higher Alignment;** 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (415) 461-5337; \$20.
- **Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis** Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.
- **Overeaters Anonymous**, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 773-9292.
- **TOPS;** 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.
- **Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center** and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffei Auditorium on Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight way Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

Music

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- **Julia Morgan Center for the Arts** presents Hossein Alizadeh and Madjid Khaladj in a Traditional Persian Music Concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 9. Alizadeh plays the tar and perform, composes and arranges contemporary traditional Persian music. Khaladj is a virtuoso tonbak and daf player from Iran. Both are masters of their form. Julia Morgan Theater is located at 2640 College Avenue. Tickets: \$22. Call CBOB ticket line at 925-798-1300 or visit the Web site at www.theaterbayarea.org.
- **Berkeley Opera** presents Vivian Fine's "The Woman in the Garden," through 25, at Berkeley's Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar St. (at Arch St.) Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, May 23, and 24 and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 25. Tickets: \$30 general admission, \$25 for seniors, and \$15 youth. Tickets are available at the Willows Theater Box Office, 925-798-1300. For more information, call 841-1903.
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She serves the areas of Oakland, Castro Valley, and Danville. Ramona is a former director in the Oakland Association of Realtors and the California Association of Realtors. She is past president of the Women's Council of Realtors and is Relocation and Referral Certified.

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Classic Classics: Reliving teen years with 1969 Z28 Camaro [D3]

Ferrari readies successor; Mercedes brings back Maybach

By JOHN O'DELL

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Ferrari will introduce its exotic F50 successor to its exotic F50 and is showing a "design study" called the FX, that it says is a pretty good idea of what the finished car will look like.

The production model is scheduled to be unveiled at the Paris Salon in September. Ferrari is expected to make about 350 a year, and should expect to pay about \$1,000 a car.

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Passat W8 opens new horizons in VW's showroom

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Passat has always been VW's upscale car, but now it is pushing into Audi, BMW and Mercedes-Benz categories with top-shelf quality, comfort and performance associated with the \$50,000 to \$60,000

cars.

Why is a VW now called a W8? What happened to the V?

The Volkswagen engineers explain it this way: Visualize two V6 engines side-by-side and merge them into one. Then tilt the two Vs slightly until they form a W. Knock off four of the 12 cylinders to make an eight-cylinder W-shaped engine and there you have it — a W8.

There's more to their explanation of how all these cylinders harmonize, but what it boils down to is a very smooth, quiet 270-horsepower package of dynamite. If you

see a Passat W8 pass you on the highway, don't try to chase it; with a Tiptronic five-speed automatic transmission, you'll never catch it.

The best way to get acquainted with the new Passat is to sit in it. You'll discover quality throughout with such amenities as genuine wood trim, leather seating and all the thoughtful features found in top-of-the-line luxury cars.

The W8 has intermittent wipers with rain sensors and automatic speed control. It has electronic climate control, a great Monsoon eight-speaker sound system with CD and cassette, power windows with one-touch up and down.

You'll appreciate the driver's heated seat with eight-way power controls.

There's also a glass sunroof, remote keyless entry, self-dimming rearview mirrors, and on and on.

The sideview mirror points downward when the car is backing up and the trunk and gas tank can

be secured with a lock on the inside of the driver's door. Everything you'd expect to find in a luxury sedan is on this very attractive Passat W8.

The styling is similar to the six-cylinder Passat, except something about this car draws the eye to give it a once-over. That something is the car's distinctive appearance of quality.

No one thing stands out, but in the overall, the W8 is a beauty.

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Annual Corvette show set in Concord park

CONCORD — Calling all Corvette owners and aficionados — the 32nd annual Vette-O-Rama Corvette Car Show is scheduled June 15 in Concord Community Park.

Open to all years of Corvettes, the show is divided into four classes — stock, modified, custom and competition — and by year, 1953-'62, 1963-'67, 1968-'82, 1984-'90 and 1997 to present.

A stock 'Vette is as it came from the factory; custom models often have thousands of dollars in features added to them, including special paint, wheels and lots of chrome.

Registration is at 8 a.m. when owners begin shining their cars. The cleaning and polishing continue until "rags down" at 11 a.m.

Judging takes place from 11:30

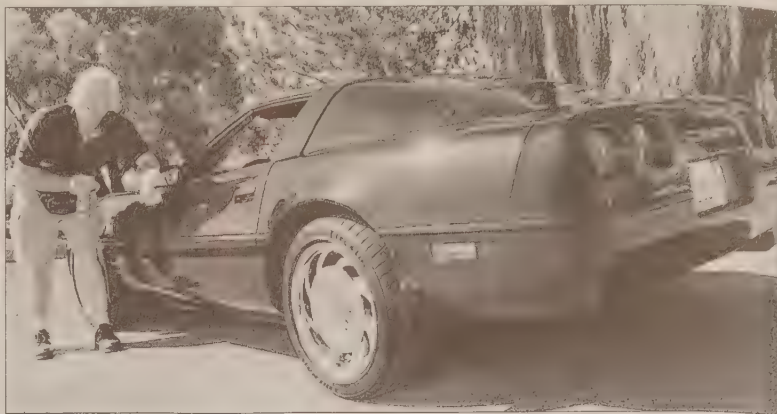
a.m. to 3 p.m., with awards presented about 4 p.m. The car club with the most participating members receives a special plaque.

The entry fee is \$25 for Western States Corvette Council members, \$27 for non-members, with a portion of the fees donated to charity.

Last year, funds were donated to the pediatric unit at John Muir Medical Center for two race-car wheelchairs. This year funds are earmarked for the Shriners Children's Burn Unit.

Those not wanting to show their Corvette can park it in the Corvette Corral for \$10; fee includes a dash plaque.

The Western States Corvette Council, composed of 32 Corvette clubs in several states, sanctions this show sponsored by Diablo Valley Corvettes.



KEN PERKINS

Diablo Valley Corvettes is dedicated to promoting comradeship among those who take pride in owning and maintaining their Corvette(s) by participating in vari-

ous Corvette-related events in the San Francisco Bay area.

Although based in Concord, members come from throughout the East Bay and as far away as

San Jose. They own cars ranging from 1961 to 2001 and they come in various colors from black and red to bright yellow and white.

Concord Community Park is on

Concord Avenue, 1000 Boulevard. Further information is available by calling the line, 925-672-8223, or the site, www.dvcorvettes.com.

Luxury cars

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but a Maybach — resurrection of a name that was synonymous with chauffeurs and champagne in the Europe of the roaring 1920s and dangerous '30s.

It has been 61 years since Maybach Manufaktur quit building cars, but Mercedes — whose founder, Gottlieb Daimler, was friend and mentor to Wilhelm Maybach — has never forgotten.

It was Maybach, after all, who designed the first Mercedes, named after the car buyer's daughter, for Daimler in 1901.

Wilhelm and son Karl later started a business making engines for the famed Zeppelin airships, and in 1919 Karl Maybach began building the luxury cars that bore his name.

They ranged from two-seat roadsters to posh limousines. The biggest, called the Zeppelin, was 18 feet long and powered by a 12-cylinder engine.

The new Maybach, scheduled to be launched in Europe this fall and in the United States in spring 2003, will use a 550-horsepower, twin-turbocharged V12 engine.

Each car will be built to order, and DaimlerChrysler plans to offer a huge palette of luxury interior appointments, including a number of high-tech touches such as a wire-

less fax and an e-mail-capable integrated phone for the traveling business executive.

There will be two versions, a regular-length sedan at 18.8 feet in length and a stretch sedan at 20.2 feet.

Mercedes hasn't said anything out loud about pricing, but expect it to start in the low \$300,000s.

The production version will be unveiled at the Paris show this fall.

Volkswagen's Touareg SUV coming to U.S.

Then there's Volkswagen, which brings the Touareg, its version of Porsche's Cayenne super-sport utility vehicle, to market in the United States next year.

The Touareg shares the Porsche's platform (as will a new Audi, based on the Magellan concept, which probably will be introduced as an '05 model).

It will have features such as full-time four-wheel drive, air springs, electronically controlled shocks and engines ranging from a base 225-horsepower V6 to a 395-horsepower W-12 — think of a pair of V6s mounted side by side.

A trailer-hauling V10 diesel with about 550 pounds-feet of torque and 310 horsepower also is on the list.

Transmissions will be six-speed, manual or automatic.

Price tags probably will range from the low \$30,000s to the mid-\$60,000s.

Keane

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high speed, the interior is exceptionally quiet, and the ride is rock-solid.

Volkswagen is known for its 4MOTION all-wheel-drive system, an electronic stabilization which is included on this five-passenger sedan. Incidentally, the W8 is also available as a station wagon.

Pushing this car hard when cornering creates sheer enjoyment. The Passat has a rigid structure on which the engineers have been able to build a smooth-riding suspension system.

Hit a bump or a dip in the road, and you hardly feel it. Steering is easy and precise.

The Passat W8 has everything you'd ever want in a high-powered luxury sedan.

In addition, I'm told the Passat has earned the National Highway Traffic Safety Administra-

tion's highest possible rating. The rigid body includes energy-absorbing crumple zones.

There are also front and side impact airbags; the safety belts use a tensioning system. And the child safety seats have the automatic locking retractors.

But why a car of this caliber in a VW show-

room? Because the Beetle, Golf and other vehicles are now able to afford more vehicles are going elsewhere Volkswagen to keep them.

So don't be surprised to see a VW vehicle on its showroom floor. This is a manufacturer that is expanding its bound-

VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT W8 SEDAN

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger, four-door AWD
Suggested Retail	
Price as Tested	
Engine Type	DOHC 32-valve, 4-liter 8-cylinder
Horsepower	250
Torque	273 lb.-ft.
Transmission	5-speed automatic
Wheelbase	109.3 in.
Curb Weight	3,900 lbs.
Fuel Capacity	18.5 gal.
Mileage	24 city/34 hwy
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Ford's 'Living Legends' come to Bay Area this weekend

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

One of history's most legendary race cars, the Ford GT40, has been re-designed and re-engineered for the future, and it's coming to the Bay Area this weekend.

The GT40 is a highlight of this year's Living Legends Tour.

Other Ford favorites included in the display are the Thunderbird, the Ford Nine concept and the 2003 Mustang Mach 1 and Mustang

Pony.

These "Living Legends" will be on display at two locations:

■ Network Associates Coliseum, 7000 Coliseum Way, Oakland, 3:30 to 8 p.m. today (prior to Oakland A's vs. Houston Astros baseball game).

■ Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$5 admission.

Dashboard gauges are on the move

NEWSDAY

A second major automaker is mounting the speedometer and other gauges high in the center of the dashboard rather than behind the steering wheel in one of its model lines.

The current Toyota Prius and Echo feature it. So will the Saturn Ion sedan and coupe, due to re-

place the S-series last year. Saturn's reason is safety.

"Your line of sight is critical to take your eyes off the road," says Jill Laidzik, vice president of marketing and sales.

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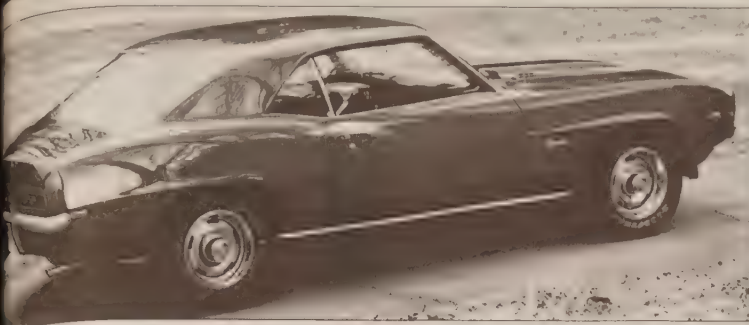
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All of the original Z28 Camaros were available for the street, but were really aimed at the race track.

Thompson's Camaro, with the distinctive crease lines atop the wheel openings, had been repainted once and had been dressed up with optional bright work.

Given an opportunity to test-drive the long-dormant car, Thompson concluded, "It was like I had never been gone."

He purchased it on the spot and happily drove home the 3,050-pound car, on its 108-inch wheelbase.

The first year was spent enjoying the car and researching what it would take to restore it and where to locate the parts. In 1993, when Thompson was comfortable with the project, the Camaro was disassembled.

The majority of the restora-

tion work was accomplished in his two-car garage. But his family paid a price. For the better part of a year, according to Pam Thompson, her husband spent every free moment in the garage with his Camaro.

"The kids and I would go out to the garage and visit," Pam said. Since she understood her husband's need to accomplish his goal, she hesitated to interrupt — except on one special occasion.

Pam knew her husband always listened to a specific radio station as he worked on the Camaro. On Valentine's Day, she had the radio announcer broadcast the message: "Mike, leave the garage and go inside the house. Your wife has something for you."

Astonished, Thompson went into the house to find his wife with a replacement of his long-lost wedding ring.

The car's well-preserved interior is highlighted by a three-spoke rosewood steering wheel. Otherwise, most of the black interior is original with the excep-

tion of the carpet, headliner and driver's bucket seat.

A four-speed Muncie transmission with the original Hurst shifter protrudes from the floor.

After all the extraneous trim parts installed by the previous owner were removed, Thompson returned the car to the base model exterior it had when it left the factory more than 30 years ago.

He reports that the original 8,000 rpm tachometer redlines at 6,000 but it will go to 7,500 without blowing. Of course, that knowledge comes from his experience with a Camaro.

Thompson has added only 52,000 on the odometer since he purchased it. Now that the Chevrolet Camaro is better than new, he drives the car only if weather conditions permit.

"On the highway I can get 6 or 8 mpg," he says, "if I keep my foot out of it."

If you have a vehicle of interest to "Classic Classics" readers, write to Motor Matters, 4635 Bailey Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808-4109 detailing its merits.

Pluses, minuses of tire upgrade

KNIGHT RIDEER NEWSPAPER

Q I am thinking about upgrading to low-profile tires. How do I figure out the correct size tire and rim so I end up with the same diameter as my car's original wheels?

I have a 1984 380SL Mercedes with 205/70 R14 tires and 6J X 14 rims. I'd like to upgrade to 225/50 R16 tires with 8J X 16 rims.

Dan J., San Jose, Calif.

A Plus-sizing a vehicle's tires and wheels has become a popular modification. Let's take a look at the advantages and disadvantages, and then see how to make the larger wheels work.

In addition to the visual attributes of a larger wheel, a low-profile tire improves steering response and lateral stability and increases the tire's footprint.

There are a couple of negatives though: Ride harshness will increase somewhat, and very low-profile tires are more susceptible to pothole damage.

The replacement sizes you're considering are right on the money, as for each increased inch of wheel diameter you'll want to increase the tire's cross-section 10 to 15 millimeters and reduce the aspect ratio 10 percent.

This will maintain proper load capacity, keep the overall diameter within 2 percent to 3 percent of the original tire, and avoid problems with your speedometer, odometer and anti-lock brake system.

Before buying tires, check the listed diameter of the originals and replacements, as there can be notable differences between some brands.

Increasing wheel width along with tire size is important to provide proper sidewall support. You'll want to be careful to purchase wheels with the correct backspacing to minimize the chance of tire-to-fender contact.

One last caution: be sure the replace-

BRAD BERGHOLDT
Auto QnA

ment tires are rated at a 93 load-index or higher, as were the originals.

Q The right front outside disc brake pad of my '86 Accord LX four-door sedan (180,000 miles, five-speed manual transmission, carbureted engine) wears two to three times faster than any other brake pad.

The right caliper assembly has been replaced, but the pad still wears the same. I still manage to get 45,000 to 50,000 miles between disc brake pad replacement.

Do you have any idea why this brake pad is wearing so much quicker than the others?

Michael E. Anderson, Sunnyvale, Calif.

A The most likely cause of the abnormal disc pad wear is binding, bent, worn or sticking caliper mounts or pins.

The caliper needs to slide back and forth smoothly, and at the correct angle, to equalize wear of the inner and outer brake pads.

Renewing the caliper was a good try, as a sticking caliper piston also can accelerate pad wear.

There's also a chance the caliper bracket (a separate piece paralleling the caliper) could be bent or damaged.

Next time the brakes are serviced, try installing a new brake hardware kit (bolts, sleeves, retainers and dust boots) and consider replacing the caliper bracket, which should be available, fairly cheaply, at an auto parts recycler.

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Over test illustrates strength of Volvo XC90

DAVE VAN SICKLE
Down the Road

All of the XC90's doors remained closed during the entire event, so none of the dummies were ejected. Although there was severe cosmetic damage, the structure of the entire vehicle remained intact.

Most of the suspension components, wheels and tires were destroyed, but the cabin suffered no serious damage and all doors could be opened with minimal effort.

With its entry into the SUV market, Volvo has focused on several new areas. Most important is rollover incidents. Volvo's Rollover Protection System, ROPS, tackles the problem from two directions.

First is a stability control system that minimizes the risk of rolling over in the first place. Just as important is increased protection for occupants if the vehicle does roll over.

If the Volvo XC90 experiences a rollover, the passive safety designs go to work. The goal is to reduce the risk of the occupants' heads coming into contact with the car's interior roof panel or sides.

So, Volvo has reinforced parts of the roof structure with extremely tough boron steel, which is four or five times stronger than normal steel.

All of the seats are equipped with seat belt pretensioners to hold the occupants securely in place. In a crash, the pretensioner pulls the seat belt firmly across the occupant's body for maximum protection.

To help prevent the head from striking the car's sides, the XC90 is equipped with an inflatable curtain that stays inflated long enough to offer maximum protection in a rollover situation.

The inflatable curtain follows the contour of the window glass

as it inflates. If the occupant's head is resting against the window at the moment of inflation, the curtain will slip between the glass and the occupant's head to provide enhanced protection.

All three rows of seats in the seven-passenger version are protected.

Not to be outdone, Volvo has addressed the problem of compatibility between SUVs and cars. The front subframe is supplemented with a lower cross-

member, positioned at the height of the beam in a conventional car.

This lower beam is integrated into the XC90's structure and is neatly concealed behind the spoiler. The lower cross-member strikes the oncoming car's protective structure, activating its crumple zone as intended so the occupants can be given the maximum level of protection.

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Now there's an improvement to the messy oil change

MOTOR MATTERS

About 45.4 million Americans change or add their own oil each year. But many more might be tempted to join these do-it-yourselfers (DIYers) if there were a more convenient way to complete this routine car-care task.

The FRAM SureDrain oil change system presents a great alternative. It is an instant, no-tools-needed oil change.

The technology is simple, yet revolutionary. It involves a proprietary valve system that serves as a permanent replacement for the non-functioning standard drain plug.

A spokesperson for FRAM says the company conducted research with DIYers around the country to learn about the most common frustrations they have in changing their oil.

Eighty-one percent of them complained that they dropped the drain plug into the oil pan.

Another 46 percent had difficulty removing the drain plug and 37 percent mentioned stripping the drain plug when trying to remove it with a wrench.

Getting burned by the oil, perhaps the most serious issue, was a factor for 34 percent. However, many avoid the problem altogether by changing the oil with a cold engine, which is less than optimal.

"For years people have changed their oil the same old way and put up with the frustrations that have been an inevitable part of the process.

"With the FRAM SureDrain oil change system, we're able to offer an easier, safer and more complete oil change for the do-it-yourselfers," said Jim Brown, director of marketing for FRAM.

The centerpiece of the SureDrain oil change system is its leak-proof actuator valve that serves as a permanent replacement for the standard drain plug. With a turn of the wrist, the drain hose (in FRAM's signature orange color) gets attached to the valve.

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FRAM points out that with better control of oil flow, DIYers can warm the car's engine for a hot oil change without running the risk of burning themselves.

The FRAM SureDrain comes in five models designed to fit nearly 95 percent of North American vehicles.

The system costs \$12.95 and is available at Pep Boys, AutoZone, and other leading auto parts stores. For more information, visit www.fram.com.

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DeLorme has released the latest version of its high-performance mapping software. TOPO USA 4.0 provides detailed topographic maps of the entire U.S. combined with extensive road data.

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TOPO USA 4.0 displays more than 6 million miles of roads and 300,000 miles of trails in 2-D and 3-D views and will work with DeLorme GPS systems.

The software for the entire USA is available either on six CDs or one DVD for a suggested retail price of \$99.95.

The software is sold at computer and specialty retail stores, or directly from DeLorme at www.delorme.com or by phone at 800/452-5931.

Dad's Day gift ideas

■ Father's Day is just around the corner and the folks at California Car Cover Company have some suggestions for dads who are into car stuff.

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Finally, the "Detail Brush Kit" includes a wash brush, interior brush, wheel detail brush and tire dressing applicator, two small detail brushes of steel and brass as well

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as a lamb's wool mitt. The kit sells for \$29.99.

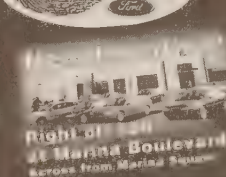
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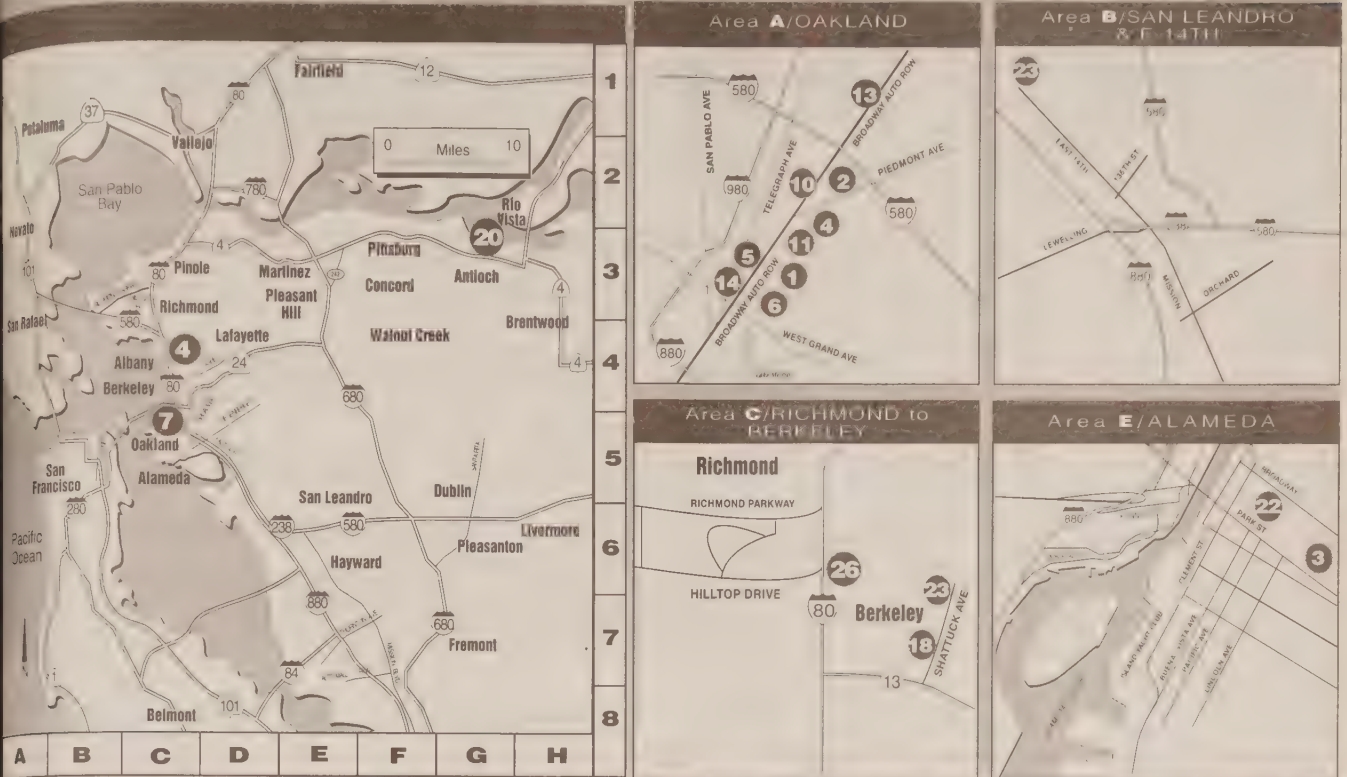
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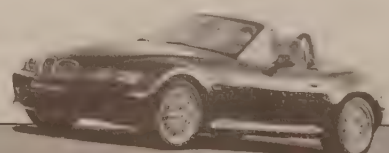
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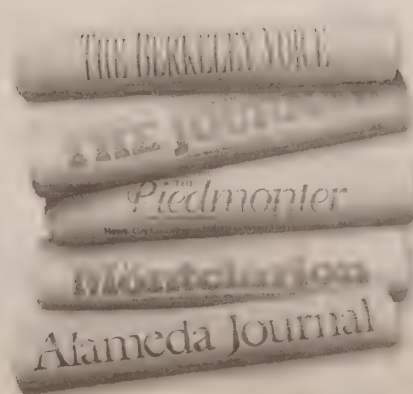
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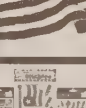
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
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


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


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


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
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
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
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LOS ANGELES TIMES
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Cooking Thin With Chef
by Kathleen Daelemans

3. "I'm Just Here for the Food" by Alton Brown
4. "Weight Watchers New Complete Cookbook"
5. "Al Roker's Big, Bad Book of Barbecue" by Al Roker
6. "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution" by Robert C. Atkins

7. "30-Minute Meals" by Rachael Ray
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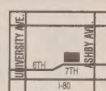
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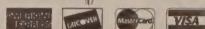
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However, a lot of people are intimidated by the thought of replacing their own faucets. According to Charlie McTargett, director of product development at Delta Faucet Company, there is really no need to be.

"With a little forethought and preparation, and by taking ad-

vantage of available new technologies such as Delta's Quick Snap, installing a stylish new faucet can be relatively simple," says McTargett.

Below is a list of installation tips designed to take the apprehension and a lot of the labor out of replacing faucets. These simple steps will also help give a new look to a kitchen and/or bath in no time.

- Allow plenty of time to install your new faucet. Don't rush yourself.
- Assemble the appropriate tools listed on the installation sheet included in your faucet box.
- Shut off the water supplies from the valves located under your sink, then turn on the faucet to release pressure.
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You may need to use a tube cutter if the water supply pipes were soldered.

Loosen and remove the old faucet and all faucet parts from the sink. You will likely need to use

a basin wrench plus a little extra muscle power. (Keep in mind, removing your old faucet will be the toughest part of the job.)

Thoroughly clean the sink and counter area where the existing faucet was removed before inserting your new faucet.

Follow the step-by-step instructions provided with your new faucet to properly install the product.

After the faucet is installed, don't forget to remove the aerator, and turn on the hot and cold water supplies for one minute to flush the water lines. This will remove debris that could cause damage to internal parts.

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Refreshing summer drinks to beat the summer heat

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THE GREEN ROOM

8 oz. Mauna La'i Mandarin Papaya Juice Drink (or your favorite flavor)

1 oz. light rum
Combine juice drink and rum in a tall glass filled with ice. Substitute 1 oz. coconut-flavored rum, if desired.

BIG KAHUNA

8 oz. Mauna La'i Mango-Mango Juice Drink (chilled)
1/2 oz. Coco Casa Cream of Coconut

1/2 oz. Rose's Lime Juice
1 oz. rum (optional)
Combine all ingredients in a blender on high for a few seconds. Serve in a 10 oz. glass.

TAHITIAN BREEZE

8 oz. Mauna La'i Island Guava Juice Drink (chilled)
1 scoop lime sherbet (softened)
Pour juice drink into a glass mug. Add sherbet. Serve with spoon. This recipe can also be served in a large punch bowl—64

oz. juice to 1 quart of sherbet. Serves 1-6.

PASSION MASH

32 oz. Mauna La'i Paradise Passion Juice Drink
1/2 pint strawberries
1/2 pint blueberries
1 small banana
Cut up banana and strawberries. Combine all ingredients in a blender until frothy. Serve in tall glasses. Serves 4.
For more drink recipes visit www.maunalaui.com.

Star spangled cake for your backyard gatherings

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There are many ways to show your true colors this season, but you don't have to stop once you've clothed yourself in red, white and blue. Put a new twist on outdoor dining and light up your backyard gatherings this summer. From cool cakes to even cooler drinks, enjoying the tastes of summer is a breeze.

As the weather heats up, keep your kitchen cool by cooking outdoors. Grilling is fast becoming America's favorite form of home entertainment. What better way to enjoy the company of family and friends than by firing up the grill for a picnic or potluck? It's a healthy alternative to fried foods and intensifies the flavor of fresh vegetables and meats.

You can dress up the most ordinary edibles in just minutes by melting white chocolate in a Pampered Chef Micro-Cooker or a saucepan. Dip strawberries, store-bought cookies or pretzels in the chocolate and coat with red, white and blue sprinkles for a star-spangled sweet treat.

Complement the most festive summer foods with cool drinks. Ice cubes become a special treat with Star Cube Trays and a little creativity. Place small lemon wedges, berries or mint sprigs into trays, add water and freeze. Surprise your guests by filling trays with juice, lemonade or iced tea for a cool

color burst and a unique flavor. Of course, no outdoor celebration is complete without a yummy dessert! Keep the red, white and blue alive to the very last bite with this simple but dramatic recipe, compliments of The Pampered Chef.

ALL-AMERICAN CELEBRATION CAKE

1 package (16 oz.) angel food cake mix
1 lemon
1/2 cup powdered sugar
3 cups strawberries, sliced (12 oz.)
1/2 pint fresh blueberries (about 1 cup)
1/2 pint fresh raspberries (about 1 cup)

1 container (8 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed
Fresh mint leaves (optional)
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare cake mix according to package directions. Pour batter into ungreased Rectangular Baker, spreading evenly. Bake on center rack in oven 35-40 minutes or until top is golden brown and the cracks feel dry and not sticky. (Cake should be firm to the touch; do not underbake). Carefully turn baker upside down onto Stackable Cooling Rack; cool completely. (Do not remove cake from baker.)

Zest whole lemon using Lemon Zester/Scorer. Juice lemon

using Juicer to measure 2 tablespoons juice. Whisk lemon juice, zest and powdered sugar in Classic Batter Bowl until smooth.

Slice strawberries using Egg Slicer Plus. Add strawberries, blueberries and raspberries to sugar mixture; mix gently with Mix 'N Scrapper to coat fruit.

Using Nylon Fork or large fork, poke holes in cake about 1-1/2 inches deep and 1/2 inch apart. Spoon fruit mixture over cake to within 1/2 inch of edges. Refrigerate at least 2 hours to allow juices to soak into cake.

Just before serving, attach closed star tip to Easy Accent Decorator; fill with whipped topping and pipe stars evenly around edge of cake. To serve, cut into squares. Garnish each serving with additional whipped topping and mint leaves (if desired).
Yield: 15 servings

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Easy omelets

BY RONNIE FEIN

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... we will describe how to ... the basic recipe to create a ... omelet. Finally, we will tell you ... produce a masterpiece: an ... dessert, the most beautiful ... you've ever seen. If the con- ... eating a sweet omelet seems ... consider that the Romans, ... omelets, served the ... with honey and served the ... as a reward to ... returning home from battle. ... consider the eggs. Organic ... cage-free, vegetarian ... taste better than the oth- ... don't eat eggs very often, ... these; they are more ... but worth it. Beat the eggs ... with water or milk to break the ... up a bit. Old-time recipes ... omelets made with three ... person, but two work just ... don't need a special pan; ... with sloping sides will do. ... pans make the job a lot ... but even with nonstick you'll ... use butter (or other fat) be- ... the omelet needs it for flavor. ... the heat to moderately high. ... helps the eggs set prop- ... the butter in the pan and let ... completely; don't start twirling ... around or spreading the

butter with a utensil to make the process go faster. The butter must melt on its own so you can be sure it is hot enough. When the butter has melted and the foam appears to be dispersing, it is time to add the eggs.

Don't stir the eggs for the first 30 seconds. After that, the edges begin to set. You must move the liquid portions of the egg to the pan surface. The best way to accomplish that is to tilt the pan with one hand and, with the other hand, push the egg edges toward the center using a rigid spatula. Keep tilting and pushing until the eggs are almost set.

They should look creamy, shiny and slightly underdone. Underdone portions will continue to cook as you finish the last step: fold the omelet in half or in thirds and slide it onto a serving plate. You can use the spatula for folding; you needn't flip the pan and watch the eggs fall to the floor.

You can fill an omelet with about any food you like. We have suggested herbs, Swiss cheese and grape tomatoes, which make a refreshing filler for warm-weather omelets. Whatever your choices, be sure the ingredients are warm. Raw items such as tomatoes should be cut into small pieces, and cheese should be shredded finely or grated so it will melt easily within the hot eggs. Use about 3/4 of a cup of filling for a four-egg omelet. If you use more than a cup of filling, the omelet won't fold properly and might burst open. It will taste fine, but it won't look like an omelet.

A soufflé omelet is prepared almost the same way except that the egg yolks and whites are separated, both beaten, then combined before cooking, and you don't stir the egg mixture while it's in the pan. You can stuff it with traditional omelet ingredients, but a soufflé omelet is perfect as a dessert.

We have suggested using macerated strawberries, but you can make the dish with other kinds of berries, bananas, ripe peaches, rum-

soaked raisins and so on. Or, at the last moment, fill the omelet with 1/3 cup ice cream and some melted chocolate.

FRENCH OMELET
4 large eggs
2 tablespoon water
Salt and pepper
2 tablespoons butter
Beat the eggs with the water, salt and pepper.
Melt the butter in an omelet pan set over moderate heat. When the butter has melted and looks foamy, add the eggs. As the edges of the eggs begin to set, use a rigid spatula to push the edges toward the center of the pan while tilting the pan to let uncooked portions move to the exposed surfaces. Keep pushing the eggs and tilting the pan until the eggs are almost set, but still creamy and shiny.
Fold the omelet in half or in thirds. Slide out onto a serving plate. Makes two servings.

GRAPE TOMATO, CHEESE AND HERB OMELET
4 large eggs
2 tablespoons water
Salt and pepper
2 tablespoons chopped mixed fresh chives, parsley and thyme
2 tablespoons butter
1/3 cup halved grape tomatoes
1/4 cup shredded imported Swiss cheese
Beat the eggs with the water, salt, pepper and herbs.
Melt the butter in an omelet pan set over moderate heat. When the butter has melted and looks foamy, add the eggs. As the edges of the eggs begin to set, use a rigid spatula to push the edges toward the center of the pan while tilting the pan to let uncooked portions move to the exposed surfaces. Keep pushing the eggs and tilting the pan until the

eggs are almost set, but still creamy and shiny.
Spoon the tomatoes and cheese on top of the eggs, down the center.
Fold the omelet in half or in thirds. Slide out onto a serving plate. Makes two servings.

SWEET STRAWBERRY SOUFFLÉ DESSERT OMELET
1/2 cup sliced fresh strawberries
4 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoons orange-flavored brandy or rum
3 large eggs
1/4 teaspoon freshly grated orange peel
Pinch of salt
2 tablespoons "creme fraiche" or sour cream
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons sifted confectioners' sugar
Combine the berries, 2 table- spoons sugar and 1 tablespoon brandy in a bowl. Let macerate for 30 minutes.
Separate the egg yolks and whites in different bowls. Add 2 table- spoons sugar to the yolks and beat them at medium speed in an electric mixer 2-3 minutes, or until thick and pale. Stir in the brandy, orange peel, salt and creme fraiche.
Beat the egg whites until they stand in stiff peaks. Fold the whites into the egg yolk mixture.
Preheat the broiler.
Melt the butter in an omelet pan set over moderate heat. When the butter has melted and looks foamy, add the egg mixture. Cook until the bottom of the omelet has set and is golden brown (lift with a rigid spatula to look).
Place the pan under the broiler for about 30 seconds, or until it be- gins to brown.
Remove the omelet and spread the strawberry mixture down the cen-

ter. Fold the omelet in half and re- move to a serving plate. Sprinkle the top with sifted confectioners' sugar. Makes two servings.

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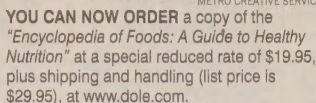
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